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RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB
OFFICE-BEARERS, SEASON 1953

PRESIDENT:
H. J. Dyke, Esq.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:
M. J. Bolger, Esq.; R. H. Dunn, Esq.; J. H. Jones, Esq. (resigned 27/4/53); J. H. James, Esq. (elected August, 1953); Senator P. J. Kennelly; F. E. O'Brien, Esq.; Senator J. M. Sheehan.

COMMITTEE:
Messrs. J. Dyer (resigned 16/2/53), L. J. Goring, P. C. Langdon (leave of absence from 9/2/53), H. Lingwood-Smith (appointed proxy 5/10/53), W. G. Pitt (on from 9/2/53), C. E. Priestley, P. H. Rowe, J. Titus.

Players' Representatives on Committee:
J. O'Rourke, R. Poulter, R. Wright.

Richmond Cricket Club Representative on Committee:
Mr. L. Sinclair.

Club Delegate to Richmond Cricket Club:
Mr. M. J. Bolger.

Richmond Second Eighteen Representative on Committee:
Mr. J. Joyce.

Club Delegate to Richmond Second Eighteen:
Mr. L. J. Goring.

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Messrs. H. J. Dyke and W. A. Quinn.

Chairman of Committee: Mr. F. E. O'Brien.

Hon. Solicitor: Mr. R. H. Dunn.

Auditor: Bruce Doig, Esq., Chartered Accountant (Aust.)

Hon. Medical Officer: Dr. P. L. Grogan.

Hon. Physiotherapist: Mr. John Stanley.

Timekeeper: Mr. W. Stanbrough.

Assistant Timekeeper: Mr. L. Langdon.

Coach: Mr. A. Pannam.

Captain: Mr. Des Rowe.

Vice-Captain: Mr. Max Oppy.

Training Room Staff:
Messrs. I. Booth (Head Trainer), J. Evans, F. Hegarty, R. Jordon, R. Julier, A. Keyhoe and L. McDonald.

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Door Steward: Mr. J. Chandler.

Boot Studder: Mr. A. Moore.

Asst. Boot Studder: Mr. A. Nicholson.

Players' Property Steward: Mr. H. Jackson.

Hon. Transport Officer: Mr. A. Salvado.

Committee Room Stewards:
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Selection Committee:
Messrs. H. J. Dyke (Chairman), A. Pannam, C. Priestley, D. Rowe, J. Titus (Proxy Delegate, Mr. M. Oppy).

Finance Committee:
Messrs. F. E. O'Brien (Chairman), M. J. Bolger, R. H. Dunn, J. M. Fleming, W. A. Quinn.

Executive Committee:
Messrs. F. E. O'Brien (Chairman), M. J. Bolger, R. H. Dunn, H. J. Dyke, J. M. Fleming, W. A. Quinn.

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Mr. W. A. Quinn, 3 Coane St., Ormond, S.E.9 (LW 3075).

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Mr. M. J. Bolger, 74 Railway Rd., Carnegie (UL 3361).

Honorary Ticket Secretary:
Mr. P. C. Langdon, 49 Ormond Rd., Moonee Ponds.
(Proxy Ticket Secretary, Mr. W. G. Pitt, 140 Glenhuntly Rd., Elsternwick; LF 7634.)

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Mr. C. E. Priestley, 14 Alexandra Ave., Canterbury (WF 4043).

Returning Officer: Mr. S. A. Wilkes.

Secretary:
J. M. Fleming, 85 Hoddle St., Richmond, E.1.
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RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

will be held in the

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

on

WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1954, at 8 p.m.

Admission by presentation of 1953 Season Membership Ticket or Invitation Card.

BUSINESS

1. To confirm Minutes of Annual General Meeting, Season 1952.
2. To receive Annual Report and Financial Statement, Season 1953.
3. Election of Office-Bearers.
4. Presentation of Life Membership and Five-Year Certificates.
5. Presentation of Trophies.
6. To deal with any other business of which necessary notice has been given in accordance with the Rules and Constitution of the Club.

Musical Programme

In accordance with the Constitution of the Club, the following Office-Bearers retire through effluxion of time, and are eligible for re-election:—

Vice-Presidents (2): Mr. R. H. Dunn and Senator P. J. Kennelly.

Committee (2): Messrs. L. J. Goring and C. E. Priestley.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE-BEARERS, SEASON 1954

Vice-Presidents (two required):

R. H. DUNN, Esq.; P. J. KENNELLY, Esq. (unopposed).

Committee (two required):

*Mr. L. J. GORING

Mr. W. MAHER.

*Mr. C. E. PRIESTLEY

* Denotes retiring Committeeman.

Annual Report of the Committee of Management, 1953

To the Members of the Richmond Football Club,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the completion of another year of football we submit for your approval the Sixty-Ninth Annual Report and Balance Sheet. Although membership ticket sales were slightly less than 1952, and gate receipts lower, we are pleased to report a credit balance on the year's workings.

Commencing the season with a good win against Melbourne, we felt confident of an excellent year as the side was young and the football displayed in the initial game was good. But this was not to be, and narrow defeats by Fitzroy (1 point) and Carlton (6 points) were followed by a string of losses. Injuries to Jack O'Rourke, John Nix, Fred Clarke, Reg Hall, promising Kevin Coppock, and later, Bill Wilson, plus the loss of form of a number of the promising players of the previous season caused the side to slump badly.

Selectors rightly commenced to play the younger lads with a view to their gaining experience, and as a result, 41 players took the field over the season. A number of the 1952 players were given clearances to other sides, and an intensive recruiting campaign undertaken by the Committee. As a result of this, many new faces will be seen in the practice games at Richmond in 1954, among whom we are sure will be several seasoned footballers.

We have constantly complained to our members of the League District scheme. We again bring it under your notice. With the exception of a few sides, the clubs are opposed to the present scheme and areas, but members may not know that it takes a three-fourths majority to amend the system operating at present. Therefore it develops into the old battle of the "Haves" and the "Have-nots." The sides who are happy about the scheme as at present, although in a minority, can vote out any amendment they do not favour. This Committee feels we should either revert back to the districts operating prior to the Second World War, or scrap the district scheme altogether. In this we have the staunch support of a number of other clubs, and efforts will be made to revise the system in the coming year. With the tremendous change-over in population from the inner-areas to new residential districts in the outer suburbs, supporters of a side find that they are often in the area of another League team, although perhaps seven or eight miles from the City of Melbourne.

We feel also the larger League districts have had a bad effect on Association football. Football-minded residents who know that they are in a League district become interested in club-doings, especially if local players are with that club, to the detriment of a club in the area in the Assoication. It is idle to say that there are not enough good players to go round 12 League and 14 Association clubs. In a city with a population of that of Melbourne, we should be able to supply many more than 26 clubs, and also attract good followings. If something is not done soon, other codes will make inroads into our National Game and the cry "too late" will be heard as it has been so often in the past.

We will play our part in any efforts to re-construct the district scheme, and we are certain our football will benefit as a result. There are a lot of other disabilities in large districts, such as that of the country lad who moves to the city and does not know the first thing about any district set-up, and finds himself residentially

tied to a League side with whom he has no desire to play, but space does not permit full discussion.

Suffice it to say we will bring our story forward at the time when the scheme is under discussion at the League. However, we wish to state here we are not attacking the three gentlemen who are acting in an honorary capacity as Independent Commissioners to allocate districts at the request of the V.F.L. Rather do we blame ourselves for allowing the scheme to grow into a monster which is now strangling a number of the clubs.

Reverting to the past season, we are sure the side should have won more than three and a half games, but a draw and losses by 1, 3, 5, 6 and 9 points in six games could have been easily turned into nine victories.

We are sure our younger players will rise to the occasion in the coming season, and with the addition of new players from our own junior sides, plus those already mentioned in the Report, play a more prominent part in the fight for the V.F.L. finals in 1954.

We thank those supporters who have remained loyal to the Tigers, and appeal for a continuance of their assistance to help bring the Club back to the place it should occupy in the final four.

PRESIDENT

Since the inception of the Richmond Football Club in 1885, we have been fortunate in having a wonderful body of men in the position of President. We are sure there has never been one better than our present popular leader, Mr. Harry Dyke.

Born in Richmond, and associated with the Club in some form all his life, he has been an official since 1924, so completing 30 years as a Committeeman, Vice-President and now President. Fourteen of these years have been as our President. Harry has filled the position with distinction to the Club and honour to himself. Our regret is that in repayment for the work he renders the Tigers, we have not had more success in recent years.

Harry plays a major part in the recruiting of players, is our representative on the committee handling the ground, particularly on the expenditure of the money for outer ground improvement, he is Chairman of the Club Selectors, our representative on the Victorian Football League of which he is a Life Member, and one of the most active workers on the League Permit and Umpire Committee, a League selector, and directs the policy of the Club as our number one administrator.

There is no more regular attendant at training each night, he rarely misses a practice game and mingles freely with the players, thus knowing the wants and requirements first-hand. Our club-rooms are constantly being improved with the co-operation of the Cricket Club as a result of Harry's interest, whilst our Committee-room is second to none in sporting clubs and was designed by our President.

Harry has played a big part in the effort to pass the £1,000 mark in donations, and has induced many friends and business associates to become donors to our funds.

His work for charity has won him life governorship of many hospitals, and assistance in civic affairs gained him the position of a Justice of the Peace.

Generous in all matters for the Club, he frequently entertains visitors to the Club from his own pocket, and is host to numerous Interstate visitors from other clubs during each year. It was his thought which instituted the Bill Cosgrove Memorial Shield to record the name of the best first-year player, and it was his money which purchased same. Harry annually gives to the player winning the honour a valuable trophy.

The only return we can give to a man of this calibre who does so much for the Tigers is success on the field. We are sure our players will do their utmost in 1954, to repay his work for the Club by fighting their way back up the premiership ladder to a place near the top.

Our gratitude is extended our leader for all he has done and is doing for Richmond. His associates on the Committee are as one with him in his efforts to lift the Tigers to another premiership. Many thanks, Harry, from all members, the Committee, Players and Training Staff for your efforts for us.

OUR VICE-REGAL MEMBERS

Our Committee was proud to have the pleasure of entertaining His Excellency the Governor, Lady Brooks and Vice-Regal party on two occasions during the season. On both occasions, Sir Dallas arrived before the game and was introduced to all players. In addition, the party stayed in the rooms to listen to Coach Pannam's address to players and remained till the finish of the games. It is a great pleasure to have His Excellency as our Number One member and to report that Lady Brooks is also a member of the Club.

It was pleasing to our members to know His Excellency and Lady Brooks had a well-deserved holiday by visiting their daughter in England. Prior to their leaving our good wishes were extended through our President, and again on their return after a happy visit Home, a letter of welcome home was sent and warmly acknowledged by His Excellency. We are proud to have the support of our popular Vice-Regal representatives, and are happy at the extension of the term of His Excellency as our Governor.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

It is with regret we report to members a fall in the sale of membership tickets during 1953. It is hard to realise that a side with the drawing power of the Tigers is able to report only 4,039 adult members. This is all the more striking when our neighbours, the Magpies, have almost 10,000, and Carlton, Geelong, Essendon and Footscray between 8,000 to 11,000.

From every sale of an adult ticket, the Club receives more than £1, whilst from the gates, the percentage is much smaller. It must therefore be apparent to our supporters that by purchasing a membership ticket they are doing more to help the Club than by a payment weekly at the gate. Furthermore, they are helping themselves as the ticket admits to our grandstand reserve for the nine home games (saving a payment of 4/6 a game), to the outer ground at the visiting grounds for nine times (at 2/6 per match), and in addition to the practice games prior to the commencement of the season (say 5/-).

So for an outlay of £1/2/6 a payment of £3/8/- can be avoided, and £2/5/6 saved the purchaser of each membership ticket. The most remarkable feature of membership is in the fact that our all-time record for adult membership ticket sales is 5,288. Why is hard to find, as the Tigers have always been regarded as one of the main drawcards of the League and in the 46 years they have been in that body, have figured in the final four on 22 occasions for five premierships, and have been runners-up on 10 occasions. Among the Pennants is the Centenary Premiership Flag of 1934, whilst this year, although a weaker side, we had the honour of winning the Coronation Lightning Premiership.

To the ladies and gentlemen who act as our agents and whom we show on the back page of this Report, we offer our thanks. They do their utmost to help, even to accepting payment on lay-by.

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria
GENERAL SIR DALLAS BROOKS, KCB, KCMG, DSO, KStJ,
Our Number One Member. Elected Honorary Life Member, 1953.

With our veteran Ticket Secretary, Percy Langdon, laid aside with illness, the Committee elected Mr. Bill Pitt as his proxy. Bill did an excellent job, and in this work he was ably assisted by many of the honorary workers at the Club and by the Committeemen.

A falling-off in the population in Richmond and the shocking football district allotted us by the District Scheme has a major part in the decline in sales of tickets, but there are many supporters who pay at the gates each week, rather than pay £1/2/6 in a lump sum at the start of the season. This is very false economy as shown in the digest mentioned here.

We sincerely appeal to our supporters to help the Club by purchasing a membership ticket. They are the mainstay of Club finance, and as the money is received early in the year, it enables us to budget for the season.

Induce your friends to become Tiger members. Follow your Club the cheap and easy way for yourself, and still help us to assume our rightful place among the clubs who sell the higher figures of membership tickets.

HONORARY TREASURER

Once more Mr. Bill Quinn was entrusted with the arduous duties associated with the handling of the Club finances. Bill has now held the position of Treasurer for five years, and is a most valued official. His work is of exceptionally high standard and his fortnightly reports to Committee meetings on the financial position of the Club enables us to budget the amount received for spending on the essentials for the conduct of the Club.

During the time he has been with us, Bill has stressed on the players the necessity of saving their football money, and has now a regular body of players who have him bank their money each fortnight. An old player of many years himself, Bill knows the value of setting money aside for the time when football days are over. His efforts on behalf of the Club are deeply appreciated. During 1953 his health was impaired considerably by long hours of work, but we are pleased to report that careful nursing by Mrs. Quinn has now restored him to excellent health once more.

V.F.L. DELEGATES

Football in these days is really big business, and therefore the Club is fortunate to have two excellent delegates to represent us on the Victorian Football League in Messrs. Harry Dyke and Bill Quinn. Both gentlemen are highly respected for the manner in which they represent our views on football matters, and are valuable officials of the League. Harry was paid the honour of being elected as a League Selector, and played a big part in choosing the team which won for Victoria again the Championship of Australia. He represents us on the League Permit and Umpire Committee, whilst Bill Quinn, as our Treasurer, naturally assumes a position on the V.F.L. Finance Committee. Our thanks to both for their work for the Club and for football in Victoria.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND CLUB EXECUTIVE

The composition of the various committees associated with the handling of the inner-workings of the Club fortunately varies very rarely. This enables a committee to plan ahead over a period of time. In entrusting the work of the Finance Committee to Messrs. Frank O'Brien (Chairman), Martin Bolger, Ray Dunn, Maurie Fleming and Bill Quinn, it completed five years of work together on finance for the Club. With President Harry Dyke, also Chairman of the Selection Committee, they formed the Club Executive.

Lack of success on the field caused a falling-off in our gate receipts, whilst a reduction in the amount received from the Richmond Cricket Club under the agreement with the Grounds Management Association, and reduced membership of our Club, gave the Committee much worry. However, we are pleased to be able to report a credit balance on the year's workings, but this was only possible by careful handling of the expenditure of the Club.

The Executive is already working on plans to increase our membership, the real life-blood of a club. Bright spot, as is mentioned elsewhere in this report, is the increase in donations. We will continue to stress on our supporters the necessity for even greater help in financing the Club. We thank the members of these important committees for the time and work on the problems associated with the conduct of the Club.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

A record number of new players were invited to Richmond at the start of the 1953 season, and it was the work of the men elected as club selectors to assess their calibre for the future.

At a special meeting of members called during one of the practice games at our ground, the rule governing the composition of the Selection Committee was changed to provide for three non-players to be elected by the General Committee, the Captain and the non-playing Coach, but if the Coach is a player, then the Vice-Captain shall be elected. This then provided for our Selectors for 1953 to be Messrs. Harry Dyke (Chairman), Charlie Priestley, Jack Titus, Des Rowe and Alby Pannam, with Max Oppy elected as proxy delegate.

With so many young players at the Club when the final list was decided, opportunity was taken to give experience to several who will be a great asset in the future. At all meetings of the Committee, Second Eighteen Selectors in Messrs. Colin Austen, Bob Brady, Claude O'Brien and Jim Phelan attended to submit their reports on the form of players in the Cubs each week. Reports are also submitted weekly by the 3rd and 4th 18 Coaches, and read to the Committee by the Secretary to enable the progress of all the junior players to be watched.

We are confident these innovations will pay dividends in the years ahead. Our appreciation is tendered to all associated with the selection of our teams for the time given their duties.

COMMITTEE

The time and effort given to assist Richmond by the Vice-Presidents and Committeemen elected to handle the administrative work of the Club deserves much better success. Members should realise these gentlemen give their time in an entirely honorary capacity to help the Tigers, and are a loyal and hard-working body of men. Too often they are blamed for the lack of success of the players by supporters. Each plays a part in the work of securing players, but members should realise that executives of other sides are as keen to get the outstanding recruits offering as our Committee, and competition is becoming keener each day.

Our Vice-Presidents in Martin Bolger, Ray Dunn, Senator Pat Kennelly, Frank O'Brien, and Senator Jim Sheehan are always active in Club work. Mr. Jack Jones, who had been connected with the Tigers for many years, resigned during the season owing to pressure of work, and we thank him for all he has done for the Club. Martin Bolger is our Assistant Secretary and carries out the duties set him in an efficient manner. Martin has been with Richmond for 23 years as a player and committeeman. Frank O'Brien is

Chairman of Committees and his main work is on the financial side of the activities, but he also assists our Club Solicitor, Mr. Ray Dunn, on legal matters. Ray is one of the most valued of our associates. His advice and assistance to all at the Club is of great benefit, particularly to players. The assistance of Pat Kennelly and Jim Sheehan with employment matters and of advice with taxation and policy is invaluable.

Committeemen have a busy time as most are associated with social and ticket-selling activities. Les Goring, President, and Charlie Priestley, Social Secretary, are in charge of the social activities and arrange the functions for the players and staff. Bill Pitt is of benefit in this work, too, whilst as proxy Ticket Secretary he does a splendid job. Percy Rowe and Jack Titus are active in recruiting, and Jack is a selector. As proxy committeeman for Percy Langdon, who has unfortunately been ill for some time, we have Hec. Lingwood-Smith, a very energetic and capable official. Hec. has a life-time of work behind him in football administration, and his work for the Club during season 1952 as Hon. Secretary was outstanding.

Jim Joyce represents the views of the Cubs on our Committee and our delegate to that body is Les Goring. Les Sinclair, now a Life Member, was once more delegate from the Richmond Cricket Club, and on occasions Messrs. N. Baragwanath and W. Smith acted as his proxies. Our representative to the Cricket Club is Martin Bolger, who ably handles our views with that body.

Players' representatives in Jack O'Rourke, Ray Poulter and Roy Wright were elected at the commencement of the season. They took a keen interest in their work on behalf of the players, and brought many matters of importance before the Committee.

To all associated with the administration of the Club, we tender our sincere thanks for the time and devotion they give to their duties.

COACH

No harder task could have been set any man than that given Alby Pannam to follow in the wake of famous Jack Dyer. Jack has been associated with the team for 22 years, 19 as a player of which he was Captain and Coach for 9 years, then 3 years as non-playing Coach. On Jack's retirement, the Committee called for applications for the position, and final choice fell on 2nd 18 Coach, Alby Pannam. Alby had given the Second Eighteen splendid service during the years he was with them, and had co-operated in every way possible with the First Eighteen Selectors.

Alby gave of his best for the Club and time meant nothing to him in his efforts to improve the standard of play of the players. He spent many hours with the younger players endeavouring to show them on the field the finer points of the game, and explaining later in the training-rooms the theory of the game. Players detained at work were taken out late on the ground by him and no person could have done more to get the players fit.

Colin Austen, our new Coach of the Cubs, worked closely with Alby on training methods, and the Committee is certain that 1954 will show an improvement in many of the lads at the Club as a result. Another to assist in getting players fit was selector and former player, Charlie Priestley, who took many of the players to Findlay's Gymnasium to play squash, and organised frequent tennis and golf games. Alby took an active interest in the 3rd and 4th Eighteens and arranged with Coaches Andy Brannan and Keith Hearn to have some of the young players there to train with Colin and he for experience. This will pay dividends in future years. We thank Alby Pannam for the attention he gave his duties, and also

express appreciation to Colin Austen, Andy Brannan and Keith Hearn for the close co-operation with Alby in training the players of 1953.

CAPTAIN AND VICE-CAPTAIN

The Committee again entrusted the leadership of the team on the field to Captain Des Rowe and Vice-Captain Max Oppy. Both have been great team men for the Tigers over the years, and to prove their football was not affected by their tasks in leading the side, polled well in the votes for the best players. Des finished second, and Max in third position.

Des commenced with us in 1946 and has thus completed eight seasons. During that time he has played in 107 games and scored 22 goals. Proof of his excellent form is found in the action of V.F.L. selectors picking him for the Victorian side in the Australian Championships, where he was one of the State's outstanding players. Des came to Richmond from Coburg and at first desired to play with Collingwood, but being residentially tied to us, was asked to play with the Tigers, with happy results for all. His father, Percy Rowe, a former Collingwood player, is now an active member of our Committee, and it was a happy day for the Club when we gained the services of the Rowes.

Max shares with Bill Wilson the honour of playing the most games of present players with the team, 167. He has scored 29 goals, mostly from the time he played as a rover-ruckman. Max came from Kew in 1942, and was recommended by former star rover, Ray Martin. Few better clubmen have ever been at Richmond than Max. He is another who takes particular interest in the young players, and is constantly with them passing on valuable hints on our game.

During the year, Des and Max started as partners in business by taking out the licence of the Vaucluse Hotel, Swan Street, Richmond. So a happy association as team-mates with the Tigers has meant an equally pleasant association in business. They carry the best for success of all members of the Club.

PLAYERS

From the large number of recruits offering at the start of the 1953 season, our selectors finally decided on one of the youngest lists to have ever been at Richmond. An average age of slightly more than 21 years gave us hope for a stable side for many years. Unfortunately injuries and loss of form by some of the players who had been with us for a few years, caused frequent revision of the list, and as a result a number of lads were given clearances to other clubs.

Forty-one players actually took part in the 18 games played in 1953, and this must be close to a record for the Club. Many of these were played for experience for the future, and were well under 21 years old.

In addition to the players shown in the digest of games played elsewhere in this report, the following were on either the full or supplementary list during the season:—

Norman Abbott
Tom Allen
Harry Dewsnap
Jim Farrell
Ivan Le Griffon
Don Meckiff
Doug. Monckton
Barry McCombe
Graeme Richmond
Herb Sawatzky

Players from the 1952 list cleared at the start of the season or who retired for personal reasons were:—

Don Allen
Barry Brown
John Currie
Bernie Duggan
Don Fraser
Les Flintoff
Bob Gleeson
Jack Harman
Ray Horwood
Brian Hogan
Keith McGuinness
Ron Reiffel
Brian Turner
Albert Western

Although not one player came to us from the Association, it is interesting to note that no fewer than 18 players sought a clearance from Richmond to Association clubs and these were granted. Most important of these was mercurial Don Fraser, as Captain-Coach of Port Melbourne, where he took his new side to a Premiership. It is interesting to note that three former players in George Smeaton at Oakleigh, Bill Morris at Box Hill, and Don at Port Melbourne, are now among the leading Coaches of the Association. Others cleared to that body in 1953 were: Box Hill—Norm Abbott, Ray Ednie, Tom Allen, Brian Turner, Max Stormer and the late Ray Gibbs; Camberwell—Barrie Brown, Keith McGuinness, Kevin Clarke and Barry McCombe; Coburg—Alf. Davis, Kevin Phillips; Brunswick—Gerry Sier; Brighton—John Currie; Oakleigh—Gerry Walsh, Alan Watson and Peter McGowan. Many of these have been among the best players for their new clubs each week, and we wish them continued success.

We are sure to have most of the 1953 list available again in the coming season, and the experience gained by the younger lads in the games they have played with the 1st and 2nd Eighteens, should benefit their football greatly in the future.

In addition, promising players have been signed who should have little difficulty in making League football. We refer in particular to Jim Deane, 1953 Magarey Medal winner, of South Adelaide, who having given nine years' service to his side is hopeful of getting a clearance. Only 26 years old, Jim was one of the best players in the 1953 Australian Championships. Others are George Bates, full-forward of Yallourn; Claude Howard, of Redan; John Lane, Redan; Bill Harkins, Yallourn; Alf Hocken and Cliff Eade, of Box Hill; Lee Kidman, Warburton; Peter Morris, Dandenong; Jim Walton, North Ballarat; Doug Weeks and Colin Matthews, Kilsyth; Alex Johns, South Mildura; John Robson, Newtown, Tas.; Fred A'Court, West Adelaide; Daryl Jones and Arthur Roberts, Welshpool; Carl Bowen, Woodend; Les Breeding, Mildura; Brian Kilby, Launceston. At the moment there are several others on the secret list, but we are hopeful of securing them also, in spite of competition.

From our other lads are already assured of a try-out, and many have excellent possibilities.

So the prospects for the coming season seem the brightest for many years, as we are confident of great improvement in form of talented young players of 1953 in Brian Davie, Frank Dunin, 17 year old Stan Morcom, Ron Branton, Tom Hafey, Kevin Hogan, Reg Hall, Alan Cations, Pat Audas, Bill Green, Graeme Richmond, Herb Sawatzky, Gavin Hoare and Frank Slater, to mention but a few. Supporters are reminded that the oldest of those named is just 21 years of age.

To all players of the 1953 list, we offer the thanks of the President, Committee and Members for their service to Richmond, and look forward with keen anticipation for their loyal co-operation again in the coming year.

TRAINERS AND STAFF

With so many players on club lists these days, the work of the men elected to the training staff is increasingly heavy.

Under head trainer Irvine Booth, the trainers in Jim Evans, Frank Hegarty, Ron Jordon, Ray Julier, Alby Keyhoe and Len McDonald, son of former trainer, Bill (Scotchy) McDonald, performed their tasks to the satisfaction of the Selection Committee, under whose directions they work. A weekly report on the condition of each player on the full and supplementary is given the selectors for the particular interest of coaches Albert Pannam and Colin Austen. Skilled attention to injuries in co-operation with the Club medico and physio-therapist has made our trainers a most valuable part of club operations. Irvine Booth received special thanks for the time he spends at his home on the more serious cases requiring special attention. Our thanks also to Mrs. Booth for making her home available to the Club for this necessary treatment.

Cubs' trainers are also helpful to us each season, and under head trainer Cliff Warry, a very skilful assistant to Mr. Booth, we have Messrs. Edwards, Matthews and McNamara playing their part in keeping our players fit.

All other members of the club staff receive our appreciation for the assistance given us. Members would be surprised to know at first-hand the work performed by these gentlemen all in an honorary capacity to help the Tigers. We say thanks to Timekeeper Bill Stanbrough, his assistant Laurie Langdon, Bootstudders Alan Moore and A. Nicholson, Door Steward Jack Chandler, Committee-room Stewards Len Goodman, Dick Hohmuth and Ken Pritchard, Transport Officer Alex Salvado and his assistants, Players' Property Steward H. (Barney) Jackson, and in particular, Property Steward Charlie Callander and Assistant Harold Tomison.

The work performed by Charlie is a by-word among club officials, as he is always there when something has to be done. The handling of club property is a big job and with the cost of materials these days, one of the most important in the game. This is entrusted to Charlie, who works in close co-operation with the Secretary, in ordering and issuing of all gear. Harold Tomison also plays an important part in this work, and in addition, his car is at the disposal of the Committee in many types of necessary work.

Charlie was again selected by the Victorian Football League as baggage steward, an honour to himself and the Tigers.

Our grateful thanks to all members of our capable staff.

HONORARY MEDICO AND HONORARY PHYSIO-THERAPIST

To our Club Medical Officer, Dr. P. L. Grogan, and the Honorary Physio-Therapist, Mr. John Stanley, we offer our appreciation for their outstanding work for the injured players in getting them fit in a minimum of time.

We are extremely fortunate in having two such experienced officials as "Doc" and John at hand when they are needed most on training nights and during a game. It is safe to say that their door at home is never closed to one of our players, and we feel at times we are over-taxing their patience. However, anything we can do for the Tigers seems to be their watchword. In addition to their attention to our players, they are always available at home games to help those of other clubs when required, and many messages of thanks have been received from Executives of other Clubs. In return, we receive the same privilege when we play away from the medical staffs of the home clubs. An excellent body of honorary officials who do much for football.

BEST AND FAIREST PLAYER

As the season progressed, it became apparent the struggle for the best and fairest player for 1953 would be a battle between the Rowes, Des and Havel. Both were playing splendid football, but in the game against Collingwood at Richmond, Des had the misfortune to receive an injury. Although he was able to take the field in the last home and home game against Essendon, he was not his usual effective self. Havel played an outstanding game in the match and secured three first votes from the selectors, and narrowly defeated Des for the coveted honour.

Havel thus wins the Jack Jones Trophy for the first time and will have his name inscribed on the Victor Thorp Memorial Shield. First to congratulate him on his honour was his captain and rival for the season's honours in Des Rowe. Another to poll well was Vice-Captain Max Oppy, who had an excellent season. Congratulations to Havel on a grand performance.

THE J. D. LANGDON TROPHY

For the second time in succession, Graham Cox wins the Club trophy perpetuating the memory of a former official, the late Mr. Jos. Langdon, as best and fairest player in the Cubs.

Graham's performance was the more remarkable when it is realised he only played five games with the Second 18, and yet polled enough votes to win the trophy. Not yet 21 years old, he has an excellent future before him, and with a little improvement in his style of football, could easily be a regular first 18 player.

THE J. J. SMITH MEMORIAL TROPHY

Seventeen-year-old schoolboy footballer, Trevor Hart, was the outstanding player of the Third Eighteen and is the winner of the Club Trophy, the J. J. Smith Memorial. Trevor ably led the team also as he was selected as Captain at the commencement of the season. A product of the recently-formed Fourth Eighteen, a side which is producing a number of fine young players, Trevor should have a future. He will receive his trophy at the Annual Meeting of the Club in the Melbourne Town Hall.

THE BILL COSGROVE MEMORIAL TROPHY

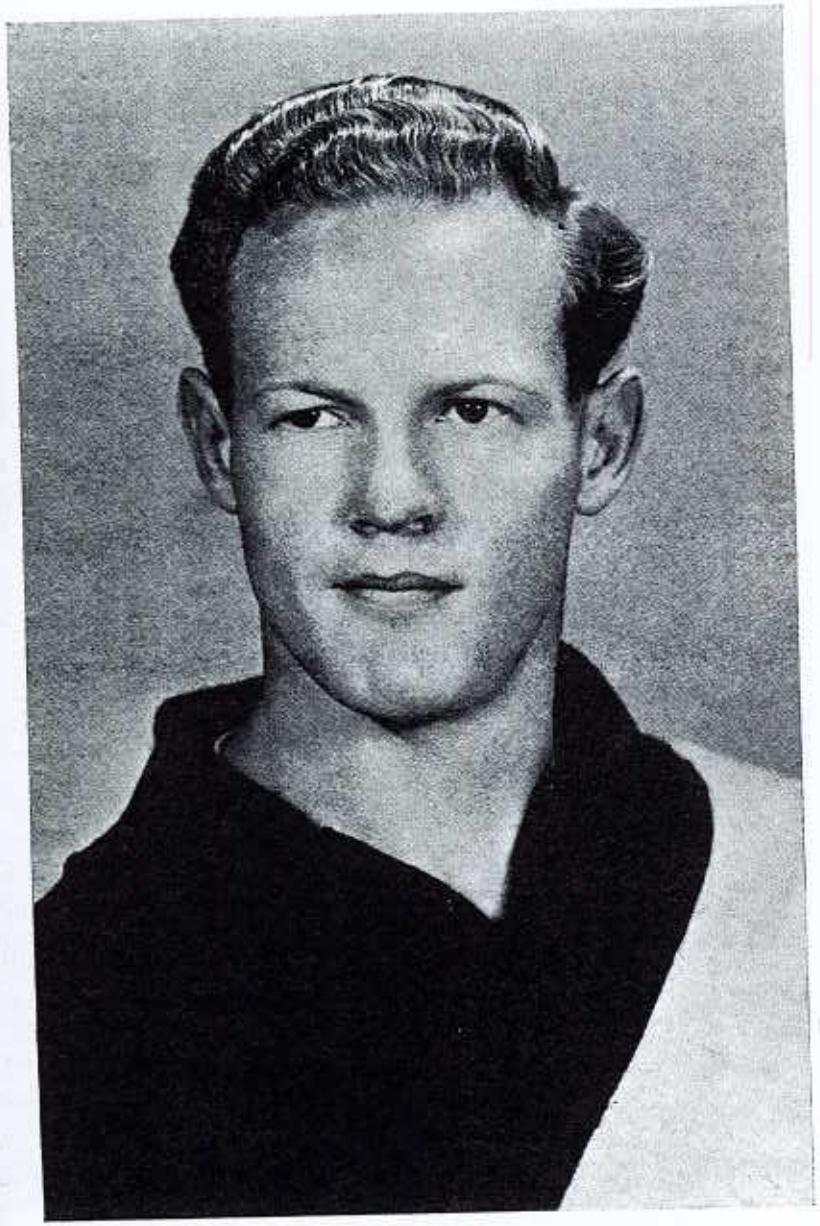
When President Mr. Harry Dyke decided many years ago to give an annual trophy to the best first-year player, and a shield on which to inscribe his name, he did so to perpetuate the memory of Flight-Sergeant Bill Cosgrove, a first-year player of great promise, who lost his life in action over New Guinea.

A number of fine young players have won the trophy over the years, but it is doubtful if there has been one with a greater future than 1953 winner, Ron Branton. Ron actually polled 54 votes to finish fifth in the poll to determine the best and fairest for the season. To finish ahead of so many regular players was an excellent performance. Our officials had a hard battle to secure Ron for the Tigers, but his consistent football during the season proved it was well-worth while. Only 20 years old, he has a great future. We wish to thank the Maryborough Football Club for their courtesy in receiving a deputation from Richmond in our efforts to secure a clearance for Ron, and for granting it the same night.

OUR VICE-REGAL LIFE MEMBER

It is indeed pleasing to report to our members that His Excellency the Governor has accepted Honorary Life Membership of the Richmond Football Club.

Sir Dallas and Lady Brooks have been greatly interested in the Tigers since the commencement of their Vice-Regal term of



HAVEL ROWE

Best and Fairest Player, Season 1953.

office in Victoria, and even whilst on the way to England recently, forwarded messages of good cheer to the Club. His Excellency has been a regular visitor to games played by Richmond over a period of years and shown his practical interest by chatting with officials and players on the future of the Club.

At the final meeting of the Committee prior to Christmas, it was unanimously decided to elect His Excellency an Honorary Life Member subject to his approval. In a letter received recently, His Excellency stated he was delighted to receive such a signal honour from the Club and was most happy to become our only Honorary Life Member. Further he was keenly looking forward to seeing his Tigers in action during the 1954 season.

We are sure all members will be delighted to have the honour of having His Excellency, already our Number One Member, as a Life Member of the Club. A plaque is now being made to present to Sir Dallas on a suitable occasion. This is being designed by Messrs. Tom Trowbridge and Harry Dyke, and will be a lasting memento of the gratitude of our Club to His Excellency for his support.

LIFE MEMBERS FOR SEASON 1953

The Committee is certain the Life Memberships conferred this year will win general approval. Ten-year player and popular rover Bill Wilson, and head trainer Irvine Booth will be the recipients of this club honour at the Annual Meeting.

During his fine career with the Tigers, Bill Wilson has played 167 games and scored 205 goals, and has won representation in a Victorian Carnival team and several Interstate sides. Bill came to Richmond as a lad of 16 from a local side in Richmond Districts and after serving an apprenticeship with the Richmond Recruits and the Cubs, won his way through to the senior side in 1944 and since then has only been out of the side through injuries. One of the most popular players for many years with our younger supporters, Bill has played a big part in visiting junior sides in the suburbs and country areas and helping to further our game. Although several lucrative coaching offers have been made him in recent years, he has remained loyal to the Tigers, and should have several more years of excellent football before him.

Irvine Booth came under notice of the Club during the Second World War when he worked with a number of our officials in a First-aid and Stretcher-bearing Group at Prince Henry's Hospital. There he had been an instructor in First-aid and played a prominent part in this important work for the war years. His skill in the treatment of injuries was under notice of our officials frequently, and he was invited to become a trainer of the 1st Eighteen. When Mr. Bob Davall resigned a few years later from the position of head trainer, the Committee unanimously elected Irvine his successor. From that time on he has proved a most valuable official, and well merits the honour now bestowed on him by the Club.

We offer our congratulations to both Bill and Irvine and welcome them as Life Members.

FIVE-YEAR CERTIFICATES

Four players will receive their Club Certificates for playing five years. They are Alan Cooke, Kevin Dillon, John Nix and Jack O'Rourke, and each will receive the plaque at the Annual Meeting.

Alan Cooke came up to the 2nd 18 and senior side through the former Recruits' team, and has played in 60 games and kicked 44 goals. Kevin Dillon, from University Blacks in the Amateur Association, played in every match this season and now totals 62

games and has scored four goals. John Nix completes his fifth year before his 22nd birthday. At the age of 15 he was playing with Trafalgar in the Central Gippsland League where he showed great promise. He was secured for the Tigers after great opposition from other senior clubs. John has played 57 games and kicked 13 goals.

Jack O'Rourke has been one of the unlucky players of the side and in several seasons has met with injuries which have kept him out of numerous games. He originally played with Richmond United Club. After playing a season with the Cubs, he transferred to South Warrnambool for a year and then returned to the senior side. His spectacular marking unfortunately has meant injuries, but Jack is due for a change of luck in 1954. He has played 44 games and has kicked 134 goals, an average of over three a match.

On behalf of all members we warmly congratulate all four players, and trust they will continue to give Richmond splendid service for many years.

RICHMOND CRICKET CLUB

Our appreciation to our good friends of the Richmond Cricket Club for their ready co-operation in all matters affecting the mutual welfare of our clubs. Mr. Jim Cook, President, is a regular visitor to the football rooms, whilst Percy Maybury, a very genial and efficient Secretary, does his utmost to help us with our many problems. Percy completed 20 years sterling service with the Club as Secretary, and was tendered a social evening at which many of his former and present associates were present. Mr. Noel Baragwanath (Treasurer), Mr. Les Sinclair, Mr. W. Smith, Mr. Kevin Cook, and executive members are also others who receive our thanks.

During the year, Charlie Callander was elected to the Cricket Club Committee. Curator Nick Hosking and assistant George Maybury are ready to assist us at anytime, and are to be congratulated on the condition of the ground. In conjunction with the football club executive, our friends at the R.C.C. terraced the major part of the outer ground from the funds set aside for that purpose from Outer Ground Improvement Scheme, and this proved a boon to the visiting members. The Cricket Club from its own funds then did the terracing in front of the football stand and reserve, and in addition terraced the cricket reserve. The ground as a result was able to provide much better facilities to those attending to view the matches.

Congratulations are extended to players Doug Ring and Bill Johnston on selection in the Test Team to tour England, and also to Doug on his election as a Life Member of the Cricket Club.

RICHMOND SECOND EIGHTEEN

The election of Colin Austen to the position of playing coach of the Cubs was a most progressive step as it meant a continuance of excellent coaching for our younger players. Colin had received a number of offers to leave the Tigers for coaching positions with country and local clubs, but he wisely decided to stay with us, an action we deeply appreciate. Nightly discussions with Alby Pannam at training on the individual players has done much to improve the standard of play of many new lads. Colin had a wonderful season. His play won him the Best and Fairest Award of the Second 18 League, the Gardiner Medal, and he also led the combined side against the Croydon and Ferntree Gully League to a fine win. Pat Audas also represented our Club in that game. Members will be delighted to know that Colin will again be with us in 1954, although he has refused many lucrative offers to leave us, he remains loyal to the Club. It was a good day for Richmond when his services were secured from his former team, Hawthorn.

To the officers of the Cubs we offer our congratulations in again making the final four, and with one of the youngest sides to ever represent them. The average age of the team in the final was under 21 years, so there is great hope for the future. To President Bob Knapp, energetic Secretary Jm Joyce, and Treasurer Frank Keon, and their committee and staff we tender our thanks. Jim Joyce and Social Secretary Mal Wishart made our officials very welcome at all games when we were the guests of Mr. Bob Knapp. The Club trip to Red Cliffs at the end of the season was a successful function, and enjoyed by all who took part. Thanks to Mr. Bob Virgona, President of that Club, and his Committee, our lads spent a most entertaining week-end.

THIRD AND FOURTH EIGHTEENS

Valuable feeding grounds for the Cubs and seniors over many years, have been the Third and Fourth 18's of the Club. Associated with both clubs, we have a fine body of honorary officials who do their utmost to produce players for the Tigers and at the same time see that the social requirements of the lads are cared for, too.

Messrs. Wally Hall (Manager), Hon. Secretary Arthur McConnell, and Andy Brannan (Coach) of the Thirds have a capable ally in Mr. Jack Yewers of the Richmond Citizens, and they proved a boon to the senior club. The Thirds was a very young side as it took over the majority of the players from the Fourths of the previous year, and they had just reached 17 years. Most will again be available in 1954, and the experience gained in the curtain-raisers will be invaluable. Laurie Johnson secured selection in the combined team versus Werribee League, and did well. Best and fairest player was Trevor Hart who narrowly won from John Claxton and Laurie Johnson. Mr. Tom Newman, honorary trainer, did excellent work for the lads with treatment for injuries and first-aid. The week-end trip to Wonthaggi was a success and the lads defeated a combined local side.

Fourth 18 executives in Manager Stewart Hemmerde and Keith Hearn (Coach) received able help from Gordon Wade in administering the team, and the side again made the finals eventually finishing third. Mr. Norman Youens, of the Melbourne Boys' League, was most co-operative at all times. A visit to Shepparton over a week-end was well organised by residents of that district, led by Mr. Pierce Purcell, and later it was returned when our lads entertained Shepparton.

A number of functions were held in conjunction with the Thirds, most important being a Lecture Night from senior players and coaches Pannam and Austen. The complimentary dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Naismith, parents of player Vic., in recognition of making the finals was a great success. Special efforts were conducted to raise funds and the club was practically self-supporting.

Best and fairest player was versatile Lindsay Symons, who was also the captain of the team. Our appreciation is extended to Messrs. Hemmerde, Wade and Hearn for their help with provision of football for lads under 17 years of age. Lads leaving school residing in Richmond, the City of Malvern or the West Ward of Oakleigh, or any territory not already tied to a League Club, are cordially invited to join the Fourths in 1954.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL IN OUR DISTRICT

Congratulations to Richmond Districts Football Club on an excellent season. Both "A" and "B" teams did very well, with the latter eventually reaching the final match. President Bill Williams and Secretary Bill Brown did very well with the material offering, and look forward to an even better year in 1954.

Other junior sides had mixed fortunes, Burnley C.Y.M.S. had the misfortune to lose a ground on which they had played for many years to a soccer team, much to their disgust. They were forced at short notice to seek another playing arena as their home ground. Fortunately they were able to do so, and still had a good season. A donation to help pay the cost of the ground was sent by our Club. Other junior clubs in Richmond in Burnley and the Amateur teams in the Sunday competition, and at St. Ignatius had good seasons, whilst Richmond Citizens as usual won a pennant. This splendid club is developing a number of fine players and several will be seen with the Tigers in the various teams next season.

Assistance was also rendered other clubs in the outer section of our district in Malvern, East Malvern and Oakleigh Districts where former player Des Martin took over the coaching under popular President Jack Hogan. Des took his side to the Premiership. Again we assisted here with donations.

Injuries of many junior clubs were also handled by the training staff of First and Second 18's. A letter of appreciation was received from as far away as East Geelong for help given.

Full attention was also given school football in Richmond. At the end of the season players of the four State schools were entertained at a presentation day. Headmasters and sportsmasters were also present and welcomed by Senator Jim Sheehan, Alby Pannam and Committeman Charlie Priestley. Games were attended, also. Outstanding young player Geoff Allen, of Yarra Park, who received 31 votes out of a possible 36 to be best player, rceived a special presentation.

Donations were also given the lads selected from our district to represent Victoria in the Schoolboys' Championship in Brisbane. These were presented through their schools and helped to meet the expenditure of the lads. A record number of five boys won a place in the side from our district schools, Leslie Kollmorgen and Colin Bassett from Oakleigh, and Barry O'Mara, Ivan McKay and Frank Moule from Richmond Technical. All five lads also trained here with the seniors and Cubs on several occasions and were introduced to our players and officials. Richmond Technical won the Premiership of their section, and were warmly congratulated.

Tickets for our Sports Parade and the Special Red Cross Show conducted by Kia-Ora were also distributed among the schools. Junior teams from the Belgrave district were entertained on one training night during the year, and the Club thanked by Mr. George Malouf, President of Belgrave F.C. Other junior teams were our guests at training and also at games on our ground.

The Tigers sponsored the Goulburn Valley Schools Football team in the Victorian championship held in Melbourne and we are proud to report they were successful. This is the third time we have had this privilege, first with Goulburn Valley, then Bendigo and again with Goulburn Valley, and all three won the Championship. This season's team was under the leadership of Mr. Peter Alexander, and a letter was received from him thanking the officials for their help in looking after the team and providing entertainment. Prizes were given from the Club and our officials, and they were entertained by the management of the State Theatre and Hoyt's Capitol. In this we must thank Messrs. Jim Collins (State) and Reg. Potter and Brian Connolly (Hoyt's) for their kindness. The lads trained at the ground under Albert Pannam and were later entertained by the Club. In this Messrs. C. Priestley, S. Hemmerde, C. Callander, H. Dyke and I. Booth took part, and an excellent day provided the boys. The boys from Bendigo and Goulburn Valley also witnessed the game against Essendon at Richmond.

Congratulations also go to Richmond Districts on winning the honour of securing most votes in the "Clota" Medal of the Metropolitan League.

Albert Pannam also played a part in the coaching of the successful team from St. Bede's College, Mentone, and from here we may secure several players for the future.

A lot of time was put in by your officials on junior football in 1953, but we are sure that it will prove of great benefit in the future.

PLAYERS' PROVIDENT FUNDS

Although receipts fell considerably during the season, the Finance Committee recommended to the Committee that a sum of £522 be paid into the Players' Provident Fund. This was adopted and has been duly credited to the players participating. The players not now with the Club were able to draw the amounts due them, and to each went a letter of appreciation for their services to the Tigers.

The Victorian Football League Provident Fund continues to operate to the benefit of all players who qualify under the rules governing the Fund, and it is proving a great boon to the clubs by making provision for payment to players with long service, a fitting recognition for the entertainment they provide for the supporters of our National Game. The League is warmly congratulated on this splendid scheme.

DONORS TO CLUB FUNDS

When our President and Secretary became associated in the senior administrative positions of the Club in 1940, the amount received for donations to the Club in the previous season was £49/8/6. It was then decided to make a special effort to have our keen supporters assist the Club by becoming donors, and from that time to the present day the goal set was £1,000.

We are proud to report that in 1953 donations were £1,003/19/-, a remarkable tribute to the loyalty and generosity of our donors. On behalf of the Committee we desire to thank all who contributed to make the year a record. We have shown in this Report the names and amounts subscribed, so our members will know the ladies and gentlemen who are doing so much to help our Club.

We invite members to assist us to surpass the effort of this season by becoming donors in 1954.

TROPHY DONORS

Even though the team was not as successful as in other years, our friends again rallied to provide trophies to the players and thus gave encouragement to many of the young lads making their way into senior football.

For many years the trophies given at Richmond have won the acclaim of officials and supporters of other clubs. We have never been keen on cups for trophies and have concentrated on providing articles of use to the player and his family for the future. When a trophy is being awarded, the player gaining same is brought into contact with the donor and they mutually arrange a suitable presentation. Proof of the success of this plan are the splendid gifts distributed at the Annual Meeting, which our members are invited to inspect that evening.

We ask the following supporters to accept the thanks of the Committee and Players for trophies during the year: Messrs. Eli Phillips and Cyril Turner for weekly allocations, Messrs. Tom Crisp, Jack Jones, George Graves, Ted Newton, Marchants Pty. Ltd., R. L. Beatty, Stella and Max Reddy, Jack Jacobs, Mrs. E. Gregory, Harold

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, SEASON 1953

EXPENDITURE

Team Maintenance:—			
Players' Allowances, Sustenance, Loss of Time, etc.	£2,839 13 10		
Coach and Training Staff	829 2 8		
Richmond Football Club 2nd XVIII.	482 5 0		
Richmond 3rd XVIII, Richmond Junior League and Junior Club Expenses	336 7 1		
Materials, Training Requisites	1,042 1 8		
Medical Supplies and Expenses	327 19 0		
Players' Presentations and Trophies	19 5 10		
Transport and Car Hire	73 10 6		
Recruiting Expenses	136 5 1		
Refreshments, Entertainment, etc.	1,006 7 4		
		£7,142	18 0
Administration Expenses:—			
Annual Meeting Expenses and Hire of Halls	£136 9 8		
Printing and Advertising	516 9 4		
Telephone, Telegrams, Postage	150 4 3		
Insurances	40 14 4		
Secretarial Salary and Expense Allowance—			
J. M. Fleming	£1,090 18 0		
H. Lingwood-Smith	81 0 0		
	1,171 18 0		
Ground Management	265 7 5		
Maintenance—Club Rooms and Official Enclosure	282 7 11		
Presentations, Donations, Hospital Appeals, etc.	171 0 6		
General Expenses	36 0 5		
Photographs and Framing	14 18 11		
		2,785	10 9
Honoraria		313	2 0
Players' Provident Fund, Grant 1953		522	0 0
Commission on Sale of Tickets		15	5 0
Delegates' Fees		2	2 0
Payroll Tax		98	6 1
Depreciation—Furniture and Fittings		47	16 0
Surplus to Accumulation Account		458	7 10
		£11,385	7 8

INCOME

Membership:—			
Sale of Tickets:			
4039 Adult Tickets at 22/6	£4,543 17 6		
601 Scholars Tickets at 7/6	225 7 6		
	£4,769 5 0		
Less Levy paid to V.F.L.	114 10 6		
		£4,654	14 6
Richmond Cricket Club Membership Payments		911	10 0
Donations		1,003	19 0
Gate Receipts:—			
Matches Home Ground	£1,665 12 8		
Matches Other Grounds	1,612 5 4		
Practice Matches	43 9 8		
		3,321	7 8
Share of Second Round Proceeds:—			
Finals	£1,628 0 0		
Less V.F.L. Levies	648 7 9		
		979	12 3
Broadcasting Rights		36	2 0
Bar and Liquor Rights		292	10 0
Catering Rights		137	10 0
Interest Received		48	2 3
		£11,385	7 8

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB—BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1953

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:—			
Sundry Creditors	£16 15 0		
Provision for Taxation	150 0 0		
		£166	15 0
Accumulation Account:—			
Balance 1/1/53	£4,768 19 2		
Add Surplus Season 1953	458 7 10		
		5,227	7 0
		£5,394	2 0

ASSETS

Current Assets:—			
English, Scottish and Aust. Bank Ltd.	£3,263 3 6		
State Savings Bank, Trip Fund	6 14 11		
		£3,269	18 5
Investments—Commonwealth Treasury Bonds		1,400	0 0
Fixed Assets:—			
Furniture, Fittings, Office Machines at 1/1/53	£428 15 5		
Add Additions	49 10 0		
	£478 5 5		
Less Depreciation	47 16 0		
		430	9 5
Deferred Assets, V.F.L. Club Trust Account		293	14 2
		£5,394	2 0

H. J. DYKE, President. 22 W. A. QUINN, Treasurer. 23 MAURIE FLEMING, Secretary.

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB PLAYERS' PROVIDENT FUND, SEASON 1953

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, 12 Months ending 31st December, 1953

RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS		
To Balance State Savings Bank		£1,576 17 1	By Payments to Players:—		
„ Interest:—			Allen, T.	£29 6 10	
Commonwealth Loan Bonds	£46 17 6		Burge, F.	169 12 0	
State Savings Bank	17 0 3		Currie, M.	49 6 2	
		63 17 9	Ednie, R.	39 12 9	
„ Grant, Richmond Football Club, Season 1953		522 0 0	Flintoff, L.	18 18 2	
			Fraser, D.	197 14 5	
			Gardiner, L.	8 4 0	
			Gibb, R.	6 0 0	
			Horwood, R.	51 18 8	
			Irvine, R.	14 19 11	
			Morris, W.	221 13 6	
			Roberts, K.	93 19 7	
			Schofield, P.	22 16 0	
			Turner, B.	28 19 1	
			Western, A.	6 0 0	
			Wiggins, R.	99 1 10	
					£1,058 2 11
			„ Balance State Savings Bank		1,104 11 11
		£2,162 14 10			£2,162 14 10

PROVIDENT FUND BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1953

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Participants' Credits and Interest	£2,604 11 11	Commonwealth Loan Bonds	£1,500 0 0
		Balance State Savings Bank	1,104 11 11
	£2,604 11 11		£2,604 11 11

DIGEST OF SALES OF 1953 MEMBERS' TICKETS

Sales—Adults	4,039	As issued by Printer:—	
Unsold—Adults	1,317	Adults	6,000
Donors, Life Members, Complimentaries, etc.	631	Scholars	1,250
Sent local firms (not returned)	13		
Sales—Scholars	601		
Unsold—Scholars	514		
Donors and Complimentary Tickets sent local schools and boys' homes	135		
	7,250		7,250

The President and Members, Richmond Football Club, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have to report that I have examined the Accounts and Transactions of your Club for the year ended 31st December, 1953. I have been advised that the Club did not at the 31st December, 1953, have any liabilities other than those shown in the above Balance Sheet.

I have pleasure in reporting that in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and correctly sets forth the true position of the Richmond Football Club at the 31st December, 1953, according to the information and explanations afforded me and as shown by the books of the Club.

22nd January, 1954.

BRUCE W. L. DOIG, Chartered Accountant (Aust.) Auditor.

Moroney, J. Bailey (Maryborough), Clarrie Robertson, Ted Reidy, Frank Westerland (Minyip), Bill O'Brien, Roy Russell, Mr. Hannam (Wodonga), London Stores, Jack Hansen, Bill Keogh, Alby Pannam, Harry Dyke, Ray Dunn, Maurie Fleming, Cr. A. E. Coloretti, Cr. Tom Bolger, Fred Chatto, Mr. Officer Brown, Eric Hossack, Fred Hesse Pty. Ltd., Arthur King, Arthur Hunt, Brian and Kevin Hunt, Tom Clencie, Ray Dunn, Senators Pat Kennelly and Jim Sheehan, Johnnie Smith, Bill Pitt, The Richmond News, Douglas Stewart, Harry Roberts, Richmond Chronicle, Frank O'Brien, Les Goring, Les Sinclair, Des Rowe and Max Oppy, and a number of anonymous donors.

OBITUARY

Our sincere condolences are extended to all associated with the Club who suffered bereavement during 1953. The death of our former player, Ray Gibb, is mentioned elsewhere, but we would like to offer our sympathy once more to his widow and young family.

Mr. Ray Dunn, Vice-Presdent, lost his father recently. The late Mr. Tom Dunn had always been interested in the Tigers, and helped us many times in past years. Mr. Stan Steele, one of our best supporters and donor for many seasons, passed away in England whilst on a holiday. Mrs. Louisa Quirk, 98-year-old Tiger fan, passed away. Dave Griffiths, a former player of the 20's; Mrs. Carew, mother of former champion, Bob; Jeffery McLachlan, of the V.F.L. office staff; Frank Cole, a veteran member; the father of player Pat Audas; Mrs. J. Edwards, sister-in-law of Cubs' trainer, Stan Edwards; Mrs. Ray Martin, wife of Life Member and star rover, Ray; Dick Raftis, former Cubs' player; and many others associated with the Club passed away. To all sorrowing relatives we express our deepest regrets.

The Magpies suffered great loss in the deaths of Mr. John Wren, also a donor to our Club, and grand old coach and football identity Jock McHale; Maurie Bloustein, of South Adelaide lost his mother, and this Club also suffered the bereavement of past President Bill Coombs; Mr. Phonse Tobin, of North Melbourne, his father; St. Kilda's famous old property steward in Charlie Riley passed on; Jack Yost, of Launceston Football Club, whom we once sought as a player; a great friend in George Sweetapple, of West Australia, who always entertained our Club or members visiting Perth; whilst our good friend Mr. W. H. Roddick, Chairman of Prince Henry's Hospital, suffered the loss of his dear wife and co-charity worker. To all we express our heartfelt sympathy.

SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE EFFORTS

Social activities were again in the capable hands of Mr. Charlie Priestley, Secretary, with assistance rendered by Mr. Les Goring (President) and Mr. Bill Pitt, and a number of the members of the staff of the Club. The players' representatives on the Committee in Ray Poulter, Jack O'Rourke and Roy Wright also assisted in the organisation.

A number of golf outings were held, those against the Richmond Cricket Club and Essendon footballers in particular being excellent days. Tennis tournaments were an avenue of bringing the players together, and many are still playing weekly. Squash at Findlays Gymnasium helped in getting the players fit, and this was in the hands of Jack Titus and Charlie Priestley.

Pleasant Sunday mornings at the Club were excellent and we must pay a further tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Max Reddy for the help they give with entertainment, and for the excellent artists they bring along to assist us. Max has been honored by being made a Life Member of the Hawthorn Football Club, for his help over a long period of years to that club. Mr. Bill Tonn, a keen supporter,

donated the refreshments at several functions, whilst Mr. George Graves donated the trophies and prizes on many of the occasions they were required.

Theatre parties were held at the State Theatre and the Princess Theatre to see "Ice Parade," whilst Mr. Con Manley, a supporter for many years, invited all at the Club to be his guests at "The Square Ring," also at the Princess.

Players' dinners were held at the start of the season and again as a wind-up to the year's activities. Both were held in the training rooms and catered for by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fairbairn. Mr. Bill Pitt and his good friend, Mr. Gordon Finlay, helped the Club a lot with provision of prizes.

Mrs. E. Gregory and Mrs. Bornelli are thanked for providing a number of trophies for the players, and for help in selling tickets, whilst Mr. Ern Bowler, Mr. Phil Riley and Miss Hazel Youle assisted our special efforts.

The Club Ball at the Ziegfeld Palais was a social success and well attended by supporters. Practically all committeemen, players and staff were present and spent an enjoyable evening.

On the charity side, the Club was well to the fore in aiding deserving causes. Our main efforts are for Prince Henry's Hospital Sportsman's Ward Fund where many of our officials play a prominent part. The sum raised by the Committee to re-build this fine Hospital is now approaching £140,000 mark. Other causes assisted by donation were 3KZ Christmas Appeal, 3DB Good Friday Appeal, 3UZ Red Cross Appeal, and St. Vincent's record-breaking one-day effort, 3AW Mothers' Day effort, for which members of 1st and 2nd Eighteen Clubs took up a collection at our rooms.

The Red Cross Sports Parade was also assisted, and raffle tickets and a block of admission tickets were sold by the Club. Footballs were sent to the Spastic Children's Society; Children's Cottages, Kew; Burwood Boys' Homes, and tickets to many others of the children's homes and orphanages. Footballs were sent to several aboriginal missions in the far north. Assistance was given to the various radio stations for their charity football games by loan of materials. 3DB Doghouse badges were sold at the Club to help the Children's Hospital, and the Queen Elizabeth Maternal and Child Welfare Appeal was also helped.

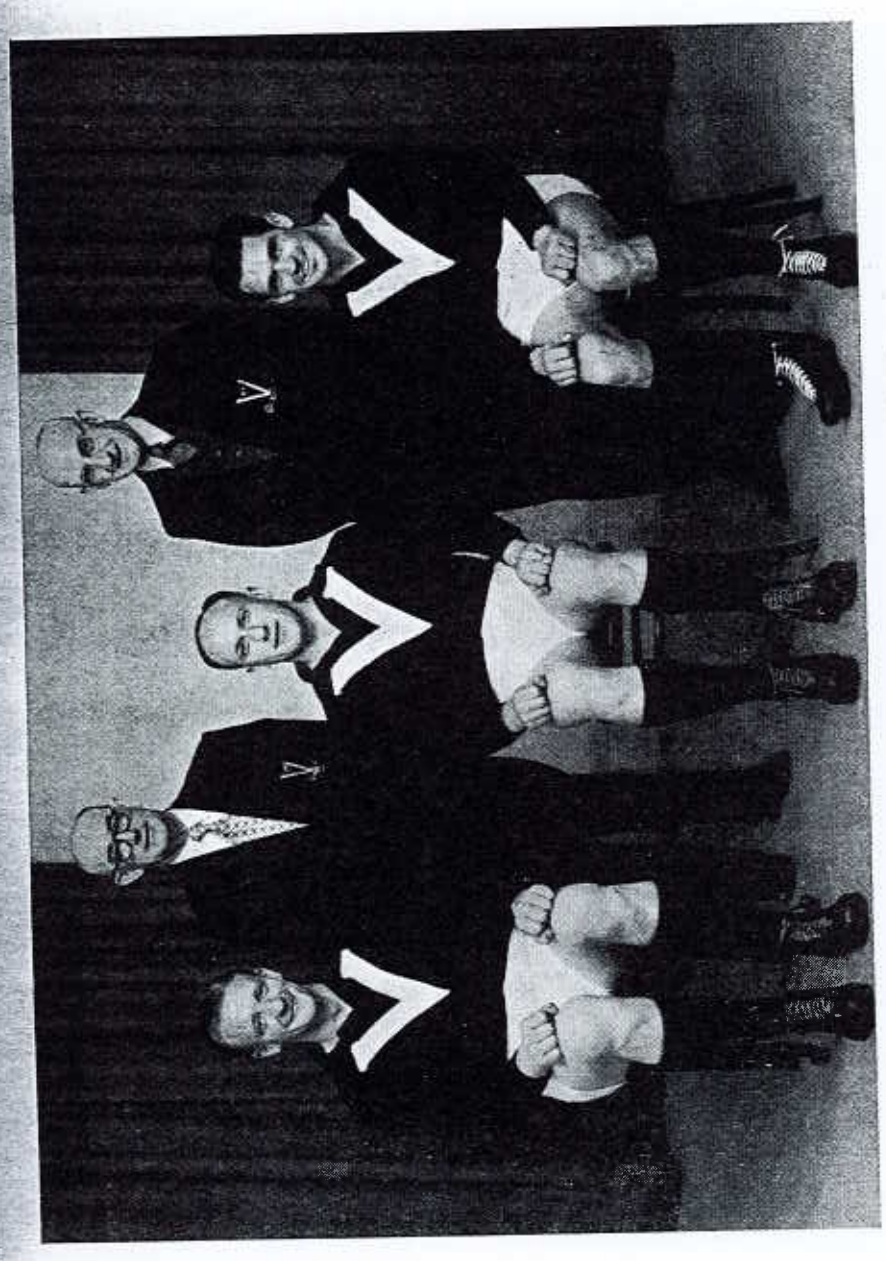
Mr. Percy Page, former Secretary, with Organiser Ray Upson and a splendid committee worked hard for St. Vincent's Casualty Appeal, and again our officials helped in many ways. Our players attended a number of country centres to help hospital appeals. We are still interested in Loretta, our little mascot, who is now walking and is a lovely child.

THE LATE RAY GIBB TESTIMONIAL FUND

All sporting enthusiasts were shocked at the untimely death of our former player, Ray Gibb, in a tragic accident at the end of the football season.

Ray was cleared to Richmond from Hawthorn early in 1952 and was a splendid clubman. In the games he played with the 1st and 2nd 18's he always gave of his best, and was a popular figure in the clubrooms. In mid-season of this year, he had a good offer from Box Hill and he was cleared to that Club with the best wishes of the Tigers. There he quickly established himself as a valuable player with a splendid future in Association football.

Ray left a widow and three young children. Box Hill Football Club convened a meeting of their supporters and invited Hawthorn and our Club to send delegates. The result was a public appeal for



Richmond Football Club Representatives to the Australian Championships, Adelaide, 1953.
Roy Wright, Harry Dyke, Des Rowe, Bill Quinn, Bill Wilson.

assistance for the family and it was an immediate success. Donations came in freely to Box Hill, and later Hawthorn had a social function on a Sunday morning which realised a good amount. Richmond then sought the aid of Max Reddy and fellow artists, and as a result, a Sunday morning social was held at the rooms in conjunction with the Cubs. The magnificent sum of £311 was realised, and to this a special effort of the Cubs was added making a total of over £400 for our appeal, to be added to that of Box Hill and Hawthorn.

Box Hill committee headed by coach Bill Morris organised a challenge football game at Box Hill on Show Day afternoon. Box Hill combined with prominent players of League Clubs, including five Brownlow Medalists, played a Combined Hawthorn-Richmond team, and a splendid game resulted in a win for Box Hill combined. The result was a magnificent tribute to the organisation of the Box Hill Club and the combined committees of the three clubs. Over £700 was raised, and to date more than £2,000 is in hand to help Mrs. Gibb and family.

We wish to thank all who assisted in the conduct of the efforts at Richmond, the committeemen, players and staff of both 1st and 2nd Eighteens, and the officials, players and supporters of other clubs who attended to assist. We pay a special tribute to the Box Hill Football Club for the grand effort they have made to help such a deserving cause, and to Hawthorn for their co-operation also.

On behalf of all members of the Club we offer our deep and sincere sympathy to Mrs. Gibb and her family.

CORONATION LIGHTING PREMIERSHIP.

When the V.F.L. decided to conduct a Lightning Premiership to honour Coronation Year, few of our members thought we would be successful. However, the players selected played magnificent football and won this coveted honour for the Tigers after playing four very strenuous games. For their victory, the League presented each player participating in our sides a plaque specially struck for the occasion, a very nice gesture. The League handed the Club the pennant prior to the game against Footscray on our ground on 11th June, and President Harry Dyke received this from V.F.L. President, Dr. W. C. McClelland, amid the applause of our members.

The State Theatre, per genial manager Mr. Jim Collins, gave a magnificent coloured portrait of Her Majesty and this was handed to us on the stage at a special show to which all players were invited, by the Acting Lord Mayor, Cr. O. J. Nilsen.

After the game, players were entertained at the ground by Harry Dyke, and thanked for the effort given to win the pennant. We are proud to be the holders of the 1934 Centenary Premiership Pennant and now one of the two pennants given during the Coronation Year of Her Majesty, the other going to our neighbours, Collingwood, for their great win in the grand final against Geelong.

For the benefit of members who may not have studied results of the four games in which the Tigers participated, we here show the scores:—

First Round—
Richmond, 4 goals 2 behinds, 26 points.
Fitzroy, 2 goals 0 behinds, 12 points.

Second Round—
Richmond, 1 goal 2 behinds, 8 points.
Footscray, 3 behinds, 3 points.

Semi-Final—
Richmond, 1 goal, 1 behind, 7 points.
Hawthorn, 1 goal, 0 behinds, 6 points.

Final—

Richmond, 3 goals 5 behinds, 23 points.

St. Kilda, 1 goal 3 behinds, 9 points.

The side was capably led by Des Rowe, and tribute must also be paid to Alby Pannam and selector Charlie Priestley for their advice in handling the team. Trainers under Irvine Booth did a splendid job, whilst as usual property was in the hands of Charlie Callander and assistant Harold Tomison. Bootstudder Alan Moore also did a grand job, but to all who worked so hard on that eventful day, we tender our thanks.

The 24 players who were selected to participate were:—

Brian Boland	Jim Farrell	John Ritchie
Ron Branton	Kevin Gleeson	Des Rowe
Gerry Collins	Bill Green	Havel Rowe
Allan Cooke	Tom Hafey	Frank Ryan
Graham Cox	Gavin Hoare	Stan Vandersluys
Allan Cations	Kevin Hogan	Gerry Walsh
Brian Davie	John Nix	Bill Wilson
Kevin Dillon	Jeff Patterson	Roy Wright

All played their part, and we congratulate them on their fine win.

The funds of the V.F.L. Players' Provident Scheme were augmented considerably as more than 36,000 football fans attended. They were rewarded with a splendid day's football. We congratulate all teams who participated, but in particular pay a tribute to St. Kilda (runners-up) and to Hawthorn for a splendid game in the semi-final when they only suffered defeat by one point.

The players of our Club who participated in the games, with the Coach and Secretary, were entertained at a dinner at the Victorian Club and later a night at the Tivoli by our President, Mr. Harry Dyke. This was his contribution to the players for their grand win. Harry was suitably thanked by the players for his generosity. It was a fitting climax to an eventful victory for the Tigers.

GENERAL

Several of our active workers have been very ill during 1953 including Committeeman Percy Langdon, Ticket Seller Bill Barwood and Transport Officer Alex Salvado. They are still receiving medical attention, but are improving. We offer all members who are ill our best wishes for speedy recovery.

During the season we were able to extend help to a number of Association and junior clubs with injuries and other matters, whilst several country clubs were also assisted. We wish to thank the West Geelong Club for the attention given our player Graeme Richmond when he was injured there and required assistance.

A visit was made to Morwell with representatives of Carlton to help a Sunday afternoon function to assist local funds. A number of our players and officials were present and took part in the sports.

Two prominent supporters in Mr. Douglas Stewart, one of our most generous donors, and Mr. Fred Kellow, of the H. J. Heinz Co., visited America during the year on business, and were suitably farewelled with best wishes of our Club.

It was with regret we learned of the retirement of Mr. Dave Prentice, President of Hawthorn Football Club, following a long

illness. Dave has been a splendid administrator for football and we wish him a complete recovery. To his able successor, Dr. S. Ferguson, we extend our best wishes for a pleasant association in the position of President of a League club.

Members of the training staff of the Club were entertained by Mr. Harry Dyke at a dinner in appreciation of their services, a nice gesture to our capable officials.

We still continue to improve facilities in the Club and committee rooms. Mr. Ray Dunn donated a splendid new Tiger skin sent him by a friend in Malaya, whilst Mr. Laurie Sullivan gave a coloured photograph of Brownlow Medal winner, Roy Wright. Opportunity was taken to make uniform in size and colour the three photographs of our Medal winners—Stan Judkins, Bill Morris and Roy Wright. Mrs. R. Cleland donated a painting of a Tiger, and this is in the club rooms also. We thank all who help us in this work. The firm of Pettigrews, painters and decorators, donated portion of the cost of decorating the upper part of the committee room. For this thought we are very appreciative.

During the year, the "Sun," through Mr. Frank Maloney, organised a series of football lectures in the various districts. Richmond was fortunate enough to have the first of these through the courtesy of Hoyt's Cinema. Alby Pannam, Des Rowe, Roy Wright and the Secretary represented the Club, and over 1,300 schoolboys were present. This must surely help junior football and the "Sun" is warmly congratulated. The same morning paper through a scheme also distributed free membership tickets to readers, but paid each club for the number so given. Twenty were given to Tiger supporters and we thank the "Sun" also for this practical help.

Kia-Ora Industries, through John Clemenger Advertising and 3KZ, again conducted Sports Parades. Our function in the Melbourne Town Hall was again a success, and proved an excellent get-together for our supporters. Mr. George Graves is thanked for his gift of a diamond ring to help swell the funds. We are appreciative of the help given football by Kia-Ora. To Mr. John Clemenger, Douglas Elliot, Leo Keane, Tony Charlton, and the staff of Clemengers, to Tom Davidson and his band, 3KZ staff, including John Ford, and the excellent staff of the Melbourne Town Hall led by Mr. John Barnden and keen Tiger fan, Mr. Bill Cawsey, we say "thanks" for an excellent show. Our old favourites Max and Stella Reddy missed the show for the first time in years, as they were in Korea and Japan entertaining the troops, but Max forwarded a message of good luck from the party.

At the end of the season, Kia-Ora Industries entertained the League clubs senior officials at a dinner at the Hotel Australia. An excellent function, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Prior to the start of the season, the Committee entertained the sporting pressmen and radio commentators at a dinner in the Hotel Australia. A number of other guests who have all helped the Tigers for many years were also present. The Club was warmly thanked for this thought by the men who conduct the publicity in the press and over the radio.

Mr. Bill Henderson, President of the Ballarat Football League, has retired after more than 30 years' service to football. On behalf of the Club we offer Bill our thanks for his co-operation with Richmond, and wish him good health and contentment in his retirement.

The popular President of the Melbourne Football Club, Mr. A. E. (Bert) Chadwick, was elected General Manager of the Gas and Fuel Corporation, and also President of the National Gas Association of Australia. Honours well deserved to a popular and efficient administrator.

During the season, Mr. George Graves entertained a party of over 130 officials, players and training staff as his guests at "Ice Parade." A gesture warmly appreciated by the Club.

The annual visit to Poowong was made later this year and unfortunately a number of players were unable to play. Opportunity was taken to play newly-signed recruits in Arthur Roberts and Daryl Jones of Welshpool. A very bad day with rain falling for hours spoiled attendance and also the game, but both lads combined well with our players. A close game saw the Tigers win by three points. Local charity funds benefited from the game, a dance and a barbecue. Hosts were the townspeople led by Messrs. Terry Fitzpatrick, Ron Board, Gordon Coote, all loyal supporters of the Tigers. These gentlemen also donate freely to trophies for the Club.

Those of our members who know Mr. Percy Page for his work for charity and football over many years, will be delighted to learn he has undertaken a pleasure and business trip overseas with Mrs. Page and family. Percy will be away for about 12 months. Mr. F. V. (Checker) Hughes organised a send-off dinner from a number of his friends of the sporting world, at which presentations were made Percy. We wish the Page family a wonderful holiday, and trust that both Mr. and Mrs. Page will benefit greatly in health as a result.

APPRECIATION

We offer the sincere apprecation of the Committee to the following for the help given the Tigers during 1953:—

The handling of gear for the team and training room is more a major problem these days than ever. To the gentlemen who assist us each season we say "thanks," and particularly mention Messrs. Jim Moore, Ted McAuliffe, Tom Crisp, Graham Halliday, Alan Lindsay, Bill Pitt, Kevin Toms, Arthur and Brian Hunt for their kindness.

Our good friends at Prince Henry's Hospital are very helpful in handling badly injured players. Colonel Wallis, Mr. W. H. Roddick, Dr. Hudson and Dr. Bruce Cornwall, and the medical and nursing staffs are kindness itself. It was gratifying to us to see Mr. H. E. Palmer, Manager, receive appointment to the Charities Commission, and his capable assistant, Mr. R. Thomas, appointed as Acting Manager of the Hospital.

We have mentioned our trophy donors elsewhere in this report, but we feel special mention must be made of Messrs. Eli Phillips, Jack Jones, George Graves, Cyril Turner, John Smith and Bill Pitt, all of whom do so much for us. Bill Pitt also does much to assist Harry Dyke and our Secretary in entertaining new players. His car, and that of Charlie Priestley, Harold Tomison, Martin Bolger, Pat Kennelly, Ray Dunn is always available in the quest for players.

To our ticket sellers who assist at the grounds early in the season, we offer our gratitude. Messrs. Lawson Muir, Laurie Langdon and sister Loris, Ernie Churchill, Eric Hossack, Mick Fleming, Phil Riley, Pat Hall, Norman Gibbs, Les Roberts, Norman Eyre, and several of our lady members do their utmost to increase ticket sales.

Mr. George Gardiner, of the J. R. Watkins Co., donated a case of liniment to the Club for the training room, a most useful gift.

Cr. A. E. Coloretti, past-Mayor, and his successor, Cr. W. Moran, take active interest in the Tigers, whilst Cr. Tom Bolger donated a model of a Tiger to the Club. Cr. W. Williams assists with employment and is ever-ready to help the Club. We are grateful to the Councillors of our City for their interest in the Club.

The Belgrave Football Club, through President George Malouf, and Secretary Geo Marke, entertained Les Goring and Bill Pitt at a social evening, and assisted them in recruiting in that district. This is typical of country clubs, who are most helpful when they are visited by this Club. We also thank the Secretaries of the other League clubs for their co-operation during the season.

Mr. A. G. Munro, close friend of Irvine Booth, helped us on a number of occasions to secure materials required, and is thanked for valued assistance.

Mr. Joe Pettinato, of the Florina Cafe, City, supplied all players and a number of officials with lunch on the day we played at Geelong. Joe is one of our keenest and most loyal supporters.

We desire to thank all who assist the Club with the sale of tickets for Sports Parades. These ladies and gentlemen are the same loyal friends who dispose of our membership tickets to our supporters. Miss Joyce Fox, of the M.S.D., does an especially fine job for us.

Our local Members of Parliament, Hon. Frank Scully, M.L.A., Hon. Maurie Sheehy and Mr. Stan Keon, M.H.R., are very helpful to us. In particular Mr. Scully and his capable Secretary, Mr. Jack Bourke, and their assistant Miss M. Minogue, daughter of our old champion, Dan, are thanked. Frank is a great friend of the Tigers. Cr. the Hon. Les Coleman, M.L.C., is another who is always at the service of our Club, although he is a dyed-in-the-wool North Melbourne fan. Les is also President of Prince Henry's Hospital Sportsmen's Ward Committee.

Our Vice-Presidents, Senator Pat Kennelly and Jim Sheehan, are very valued officials and are always at the call of the Club. Pat is congratulated on his re-election as Federal Secretary of the Labor Party.

To Hon. L. H. McBrien, Secretary, and Mr. Eric McCutchan, Assistant Secretary, and the staff of the Victorian Football League for the courtesy and help given our officials always. Nothing is a trouble to them, and they assist us in many ways.

A special word of thanks to Mr. Ray Dunn for the help he has given our President and Secretary on numerous legal matters. His staff is also most co-operative. Ray introduced one of our best

friends and donors to the Club, Mr. George Graves, whose trophies are eagerly sought by the players.

Mr. M. Kettle, although a keen South Melbourne supporter, donated a cup for the best player against South at South, and this was won by Des Rowe.

A number of gentlemen assisted during the season in providing refreshments for socials, and we are pleased to have their help. Messrs. Norm Topp, Des Rowe, John Smith, Alby Pannam, Dr. Grogan, Harry Dyke and Bill Pitt were most generous, whilst Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tonn were very helpful to us, too. Miss Hazel Youie is another supporter who is a great help to the Club.

To Malties Pty. Ltd., for their continued help in advertising on our membership tickets, and to Messrs. Jim Collins and Alan McClelland (State Theatre), Brian Connolly and Bob Callaway (Capitol), Harold McPhail (Esquire), and Reg Potter (Regent) for their help in entertaining players and officials.

George Saunders is always at the call of our officials in the treatment of injuries, and is a great friend. His mother, Mrs. Saunders, Snr., is a welcome visitor to our matches.

Mr. Ralph Hamley, of the 2nd 18 League, and his executive are thanked for their co-operation during 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Bon Carter of Castlemaine assist us by forwarding papers from the Bendigo area.

PRESS AND RADIO

We deeply appreciate the continued assistance of the journalists associated with us in sport in our Melbourne newspapers, and the commentators and the good folk associated with the radio stations in Victoria. Without their continued help, much of the doings of the club room and club gossip would be missed by our fans, whilst the publicity given selected teams and new players helps all who read the papers or listen in to the sporting sessions.

We should not individualise among so many good people, but perhaps special mention should be made of Pressmen Messrs. Alf Brown, Keith Black, Bob Buchanan of pictorial staff, "Weg" and John Priestley of the "Herald;" Peter Bennett, Kevin Hogan, Rex Pullen, Kevin Brosnan, Roy Terry of the "Sun"; Fred Laby, Hec De Lacy, Ben Kerville, Jim Blake and George Andrews of the "Sporting Globe"; Percy Beames, John Meeking, Hal Tipping, David Matthew, Greg Taylor, and Sam Wells, our old friend and associate of many years, of the "Age"; Hugh Buggy, Percy Taylor, Peter Banfield, Nigel Balfe, Ken Moses, of the "Argus"; Clyde Palmer of "Truth"; George and Bill Cathie of the "Football Record" for outstanding help; Mr. Owen McKenna, our former player, Bob Bawden, and staff of the "Richmond News."

And in the radio world, Messrs. Alwyn Kurts and Douglas McKenzie, of 3XY; Norman Banks, Ian Johnson, Fred Tupper and Arthur Lyster, of 3AW; Jack Gurry, John McMahon, Lew Bennett, "Nicky" and Graham, of 3UZ; Ron Casey, George Andrews, Eric Welch and Dick Cranbourne, of 3DB; Jack Dyer (our Captain Blood), Phil Gibbs, Kevin O'Gorman, Eddie Balmer, and John Ford, of 3KZ; Mel Morris, Noel Bayley and associates of the A.B.C.

To all associated with our newspapers and radio who co-operate so well with us, especially those on the administrative staffs, we express thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Victorian Football League on winning the Championship of Australia at Adelaide. To Manager Les Phelan, Coach F. V. (Checker) Hughes, and Captain Bill Hutchinson for their handling of the team.

To donor Theo Lewis on winning the Trainers' Racing Premiership for the 1952-53 season, and for his re-election as President of the Victorian Racing Trainers' Association.

Alan Ruthven completed his 200th game with Fitzroy. A splendid performance from a grand player. Former Cubs' player, Jack Hill on gaining selection in the Australian Test team to England, and to Lindsay Hassett, now retired, for his excellent leadership and play as an Australian cricketer.

To players Des Rowe, Geoff Spring and Roy Wright who passed their 100th game with the Tigers. Max Oppy his 150th, and now at equal top for the Club at 167 games. To Kevin Dillon, Alan Cooke and John Nix who passed their 50 games mark.

To former player, George Smeaton on his selection as coach of the Victorian Football Association team in the Australian Championships in Adelaide. And to popular radioman, Norman Banks of 3AW on his New Year honour from Her Majesty, the M.B.E.

To players Des Rowe, Bill Wilson and Roy Wright on selection in the Victorian Interstate Championship team where all played well and assisted greatly in the victories.

To Messrs. Les Goring, Irvine Booth and Frank Hegarty on their Silver Wedding anniversaries. Vice-President Frank O'Brien on his election as a member of the Kew Municipal Council.

Congratulations to Life Member Mr. F. V. (Checker) Hughes and Mrs. Hughes on celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary.

To keen Tiger fan and radioman, Fred Tupper, of 3AW, who retired as a race broadcaster, for his many years of service in his position to the listening public. Fred is now on the staff of 3UZ where we wish him success.

To President Syd Coventry, Secretary Gordon Carlyon, Coach Phonse Kyne, Captain Lou Richards and the Collingwood team on winning the 1953 Premiership. A great performance. And to runners-up Geelong, and others in the final four in Footscray, who in finishing third reached their highest position since entering the V.F.L., and Essendon, fourth.

To Don (Mopsy) Fraser for his excellent leadership of the successful Port Melbourne team, premiers of the V.F.A., and for his great year of football for his new club. To Carlton, Premiers of the 2nd 18 League, and Melbourne 3rd 18 on a fine win of the pennant of the 3rd 18 League.

Brownlow Medallist Bill Hutchison thoroughly deserved his Award. A grand footballer and a gentleman on and off the field, Bill also won and shared other press and radio awards with Carlton skipper Ken Hands, who had a great year also. To Williamstown player F. Simpson, who won the Herald Award from ex-Tigers Bill Morris and Vic Hill, and to champion full-back, Ted Henrys, of Preston, in winning the Liston Medal of the V.F.A.

Star footballer of the South Australian League was Jim Deane, of South Adelaide, who won the Magarey Medal. A great player who may yet play with the Tigers in the future. Our ex-player Jim Brennan, of Watchem-Corack, won the best and fairest award of the North-Central League for the third year. Jim is now married and back on the land. Tiger of the future, Len Smith, 18-year-old son of the late Jack Smith, former Secretary of the Club, won the best and fairest trophy of Old Paradians. Len is being coached by former star, Ray Martin, in finer points of our game. Thanks Ray.

No fewer than 37 former players of the Tigers are in coaching positions throughout Australia. To Don Fraser (Port Melbourne), Ray Martin (Kew Amateurs), Max Currie (Warracknabeal), Peter Hancock (Catani), Des Martin (Oakleigh Districts), Fred Cook (Ringwood East), and others who coached premiership teams, our best wishes.

To former Captain-Coach, Jack Dyer, on his success as a football commentator for 3KZ and for his work for charity.

To Havel Rowe, Allan Cations, and former player Jack Sullivan. who were married recently, and their brides we extend our best wishes.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dunn, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Priestley, who all celebrated a happy event. Each are the proud parents of a son, born during 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Churchill for a real New Year's Day thrill—twins born in the early hours of that day. Congratulations and good luck for their future.

To Jack Hogan and his energetic Committee of Oakleigh Districts on winning another premiership.

Presentations were made to players Des Rowe, Geoff Spring and Roy Wright on reaching 100 games with the Club, and also to Des, Roy and Bill Wilson on selection in the Victorian State team.

SECRETARY'S ADDENDUM

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking our President, the Committee, the Players and the Training Staff of the Club for the assistance given me during the past season.

Administering a football club these days is not an easy task. It is a seven days a week job, and fifty-two weeks a year are needed to keep the Club solvent and successful. Were it not for loyalty of those at the Club, this would not be possible. However, the main thing in a club is success on the field, and for some years this has eluded us. An all-out effort is necessary now to bring the Tigers back to the force they once were in League football and to do this sacrifices will be required.

To achieve this, the fullest assistance will be required from all members. Old players will help we are sure with report on promising lads for the Club, and we welcome their aid. Members are asked to urge their friends to become members. A Club like this with only 4,000 members is a tragedy. Membership must and will we are sure be built up at least to where it was a few years ago, over the 5,000 mark. Success on the field will bring bigger gate receipts, and greater moral support for the players.

I wish to personally thank Harry Dyke, Bill Quinn, Charlie Priestley, Bill Pitt, Charlie Callander, Alby Pannam and Des Rowe for the help given, and to also thank Hec Lingwood-Smith here for his assistance to me during 1952 by taking over the Honorary Secretaryship. I also wish to thank the generous donors who have given us at least one record for 1953—the passing of £1,000 in donations.

Let us all strive for success in 1954.

J. M. FLEMING, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

It is with regret that I have to report on a disappointing season in 1953. We started off with bright prospects of building up our side to the level of the Richmond sides of the past—unfortunately, with the loss of some of our older players, the younger players placed in the side, whilst very keen, were not experienced enough to clinch games which were within our grasp. We look forward to 1954 with greater confidence and are certain the experience gained by our younger players last season, will be of great value in the coming matches.

I wish to thank the Secretary, Mr. Maurie Fleming, for his co-operation with me during the season. He has once again given valuable service to our Club. To Mr. W. Quinn, Treasurer, I wish to express my thanks for the manner in which he carried out his duties during the season.

To the members of the Committee, I would like to say thank you for their co-operation during a very difficult year, also to all the staff of our great Club.

I am looking forward with great confidence to season 1954.

HARRY DYKE, President.

ANNUAL TROPHIES, SEASON 1953

For	Donor	Won by
Best and Fairest	Mr. Jack Jones	Havel Rowe
2nd Best and Fairest	Mr. Arthur Hunt	Des Rowe
3rd Best and Fairest	Mr. George Graves	Max Oppy
Best Ruckman	Mr. Tom Crisp	Roy Wright
Best First-Year Player (W. Cosgrove Memorial)	Mr. Harry Dyke	Ron Branton
Most Consistent	Marchants Pty. Ltd.	Bill Wilson
Most Determined	Mr. Tom Clencie	Kevin Dillon
Most Reliable	Mr. Bill Pitt	Geoff Spring
Most Improved	Mr. Johnnie Smith	Allan Cooke
Best Utility	Mr. Ray Dunn	John Nix
Most Unselfish	Senator P. J. Kennelly	Jeff Patterson
Special Trophy	Mr. Eli Phillips	Frank Ryan
" "	Mr. Douglas Stewart	Allan Cations
" "	Mr. Harry Roberts	Jack O'Rourke
" "	Mr. Frank O'Brien	Brian Davie
" "	Senator J. M. Sheehan	Frank Dunin
" "	Mr. Les Goring	Ron Branton
" "	Mr. Maurie Fleming	Colin Austen
" "	"Richmond News"	Des Rowe
Best Player 2nd 18	J. D. Langdon Trophy	Graham Cox
Best Player 3rd 18	J. J. Smith Trophy	Trevor Hart

FIVE, TEN, FIFTEEN-YEAR PLAYERS

Fifteen Years:

1923—H. James. 1924—V. Thorp (16 years). 1939—P. Bentley (16 years). 1940—J. Titus (18 years). 1945—J. Dyer (19 years).

Ten Years:

1919—B. V. Herbert, P. Maybury, S. Reeves. 1921—C. H. Hall. 1923—F. V. Hughes. 1924—F. Harley. 1926—J. Smith, D. Don. 1934—A. Geddes, B. McCormack, T. O'Halloran. 1936—J. Murdoch. 1939—K. O'Neill, M. Bolger. 1940—R. Martin. 1943—R. Harris, J. Symons. 1944—G. Smeaton. 1947—C. Priestley. 1949—L. Merrett, W. Perkins. 1951—F. Burge, J. W. Morris, W. M. Oppy. 1953—W. Wilson.

Five Years:

1913—E. Ohlsen, W. Mahoney, R. Bowden, G. Gibson. 1914—F. McCashney, F. Love. 1916—D. J. Moffatt. 1918—A. J. Bettles, R. T. Hede. 1919—H. Alessio, L. Burke, A. Danks, E. Keggin, W. Thomas 1920—G. Bayliss. 1921—M. Hislop, R. Weatherill. 1923—G. Weatherill. 1924—F. Huggard, J. Karthaus, N. McIntosh, D. Minogue, E. Taylor. 1925—M. Morris. 1926—D. Hayes. 1927—A. McIsaac, G. Rudolph. 1929—D. Lynch. 1930—R. Empey, D. Harris, H. Weidner, K. Millar. 1931—J. Baggott, C. Watson. 1932—W. Benton, B. Foster, S. Judkins. 1933—M. Hunter, M. Sheahan. 1934—E. Zschech. 1935—G. and D. Strang. 1938—D. Guinane, R. Chergwin. 1939—J. Cotter. 1940—I. Hull, N. Dickson. 1941—J. Crane, M. O'Connell. 1942—B. Edwards. 1943—L. Ablett, R. Bawden, J. Scott. 1944—B. Waldron. 1945—L. Maguire, B. Randall, L. Smith. 1946—A. McDonald, W. Russell, R. Steele, J. Sullivan. 1947—F. Bourke, R. Durham, A. Mooney. 1948—F. Cook, L. Jones. 1949—D. Fraser, R. Wiggins. 1950—K. Albiston, R. Poulter, D. Rowe, R. Stokes, R. Wright. 1951—M. Currie, K. Roberts. 1952—H. Rowe, G. Spring. 1953—A. Cooke, K. Dillon, J. Nix, J. O'Rourke.

DONORS TO CLUB FUNDS, SEASON 1953

	£	s	d
Mr. Douglas Stewart	118	0	0
Mr. George Graves	50	0	0
Mr. Ron Garraway	25	0	0
Mr. Jack Jones	25	0	0
Mr. Theo Lewis	25	0	0
Mr. Johnnie Smith	25	0	0
Mr. Jim Macdermott	20	0	0
Late Mr. John Wren	20	0	0
Douglas Tait & Co.	12	12	0
Mr. George Provan	12	1	0
Alexander's Clothing Stores	10	10	0
Cr. A. E. Coloretti	10	10	0
Mr. Donald Don	10	10	0
Messrs. Peter and Bert Maddern	10	10	0
Richmond Chronicle	10	10	0
Mr. Wally Smith	10	10	0
Mr. John Costello	10	0	0
Mr. Bill Dooley	10	0	0
Mr. John Gibson	10	0	0
Mr. Len Goodman	10	0	0
Mr. Bill Graves	10	0	0
Mr. Jim Graves (U.S.A.)	10	0	0
Mr. Ernie Gray	10	0	0
Mr. Gordon Hoadley	10	0	0
Mr. L. H. Kilpatrick	10	0	0
Marchants Pty. Ltd.	10	0	0
William Archer	9	9	0
Mr. Ted Newton	7	7	0
H. A. Rogers Pty. Ltd.	7	7	0
Mr. Ray Steele	7	7	0
Mr. Frank Pembroke	6	7	6
Mr. Bill Pitt	6	6	0
Mr. Cyril Turner	6	6	0
Mr. Terry Fitzpatrick	5	10	0
Mr. Maurie Aarons	5	5	0
Mr. R. L. Beatty	5	5	0
Bryant & May Pty. Ltd.	5	5	0
Miss Airdrie Cameron	5	5	0
Messrs. S. & H. Cusworth	5	5	0
Messrs. S. & M. De George	5	5	0
Mr. Ray Dunn	5	5	0
Mr. Terry Dwyer	5	5	0
Mr. Harry Dyke	5	5	0
Engineering Products Co.	5	5	0
Mr. Norman Eyre	5	5	0
Mr. Ross Faulkner	5	5	0
Mr. Maurie Fleming	5	5	0
Mr. Bill Harkin	5	5	0
H. J. Heinz Co.	5	5	0
Mr. Len Jewson	5	5	0
Senator P. J. Kennelly	5	5	0
Kornie Food Co.	5	5	0
Mr. Harold Moroney	5	5	0
Mrs. I. A. Mulcahy	5	5	0
Mr. Percy Mitchell	5	5	0
McPhersons Pty. Ltd.	5	5	0
Cr. Maurice Nathan	5	5	0
Mr. Bill Palmer	5	5	0
Mr. Peter Read	5	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. Max Reddy	5	5	0
Richmond Brewing Co.	5	5	0
Mr. John Sherman	5	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Taylor	5	5	0
Tilbury & Lewis Pty. Ltd.	5	5	0
Treble "R" Products Co.	5	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walker	5	5	0
Mr. Tom Crough	5	0	0
Mr. Ted Jackson	5	0	0
Mr. Jack Kennedy	5	0	0
Mr. J. F. Mulder	5	0	0
Mr. Alan Murray	5	0	0
Mr. H. Stribling	5	0	0
Mr. Alex Tait	5	0	0
Mr. Bob Turnbull	5	0	0
Love & Pollard Pty. Ltd.	4	4	0
Mr. Abe Aarons	3	3	0
Mr. Charles Boyles	3	3	0
Mr. Gordon Coote	3	3	0
Mr. Thomas Corns	3	3	0
Mr. Bob Ellis	3	3	0
Mr. Hec Haslem	3	3	0
Mr. Alex Holzer	3	3	0
Mr. George Hook	3	3	0
Wm. Horsfall & Co.	3	3	0
J. Hubball Pty. Ltd.	3	3	0
Mr. L. Jaques	3	3	0
Mr. Ernest King	3	3	0
Mr. Ernest Kirton	3	3	0
The Kiwi Polish Co.	3	3	0
Mr. R. L. Lean, J.P.	3	3	0
Mr. J. W. Murphy	3	3	0
Mr. W. S. Nutt, J.P.	3	3	0
Mr. Percy Page	3	3	0
Mr. Clarrie Robertson	3	3	0
Mr. Les Sinclair	3	3	0
Mr. Alan Steele	3	3	0
Mr. S. J. Steele	3	3	0
Master Tony Steele	3	3	0
Mr. Jim Stroud	3	3	0
Valco Engineering Co.	3	3	0
Mr. Bob Waugh	3	3	0
Mr. Eric Welch	3	3	0
Mr. Ron Board	3	0	0
Mr. Keith Cochrane	3	0	0
Mr. Eric James	3	0	0

Mr. Lawson Muir	2	10	0
Mr. Roy V. Allison	2	2	0
Apex Motors	2	2	0
Mr. Jack Baggott	2	2	0
M. Ball & Co.	2	2	0
Sir Frank Beaurepaire	2	2	0
Cr. Tom Bolger	2	2	0
Mr. Jack Buckley	2	2	0
Mr. E. Bunn	2	2	0
Mr. Rex Carey	2	2	0
Carlton & United Breweries	2	2	0
A. Challingsworth & Co.	2	2	0
Mr. Fred Chatto	2	2	0
Cherry Tree Hotel	2	2	0
Mr. John Clemenger	2	2	0
Mr. Tom Davern	2	2	0
Mr. William Dowling	2	2	0
Mr. Bill Duncan	2	2	0
Mr. Arthur Fayle	2	2	0
T. Forbes Pty. Ltd.	2	2	0
William Fowler	2	2	0
Mr. Arthur Hunt	2	2	0
Howard Jackett & Co.	2	2	0
Mr. S. Keon, M.H.R.	2	2	0
Mr. Bill King	2	2	0
Mr. N. J. Kirton	2	2	0
Mr. Fred Laby	2	2	0
London Stores	2	2	0
Mayne Nickless Ltd.	2	2	0
J. Murray More Pty. Ltd.	2	2	0
Mr. Jack McAdam	2	2	0
McFarlane & Burns Pty. Ltd.	2	2	0
Mr. Ted McGuinness	2	2	0
Mr. Frank McGuinness	2	2	0
John McIlwraith & Co.	2	2	0
Mr. A. M. McMillan	2	2	0
Mr. Matt O'Donohue	2	2	0
Pelaco Ltd.	2	2	0
Mr. Reg Philpott	2	2	0
Mr. Frank Pittard	2	2	0
Mr. Frank Power	2	2	0
Preservene Pty. Ltd.	2	2	0
Primrose Flower Shop	2	2	0
Mr. Dave Prince	2	2	0
Mr. Gordon Rattray	2	2	0
Relova Redressing Service	2	2	0
Richmond Dry Cleaners	2	2	0
Hon. Frank Scully, M.L.A.	2	2	0
Hon. Maurie Sheehy, M.L.C.	2	2	0
Stapleton Industries Co.	2	2	0
John Sutherland Co.	2	2	0
Colonel R. J. Wallis, M.C.	2	2	0
Mr. Ted Weiland	2	2	0
Mr. Jack Yewers	2	2	0
Mr. Joe Burke	2	0	0
Mr. John Fleming	2	0	0
F. D. Hagger Pty. Ltd.	2	0	0
Mr. Bob Long	2	0	0
Mr. W. McCarthy	2	0	0
Mr. Shane McGrath	2	0	0
Dudgeon & Arnell Pty. Ltd.	1	11	6
Mr. Cecil Cox	1	10	0
Cremorne Collar Co.	1	10	0
J. W. George & Son	1	10	0
Miss M. Greenough	1	10	0
Mr. George Hicks	1	10	0
Tas. Pickett & Co.	1	10	0
Spread Eagle Hotel	1	10	0
Vic. Fibrous Plaster Co.	1	10	0
Compressed Cork Sheets Co.	1	5	0
Senator C. Sandford	1	5	0
Mr. E. W. Cooke	1	1	0
Mr. J. L. Cremean, M.H.R.	1	1	0
Mr. E. J. Kirton	1	1	0
Cr. O. J. Nilsen, J.P.	1	1	0
Total	£1,003	19	0

RESULT OF MATCHES PLAYED BY RICHMOND SINCE JOINING THE VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN 1908

Against	Won	Lost	Tied	Played
Carlton	37	59	–	96
Collingwood	38	56	1	95
Essendon	41	43	2	86
Fitzroy	45	44	–	89
Footscray	32	16	1	49
Geelong	48	34	2	84
Hawthorn	43	7	–	50
Melbourne	47	31	2	80
North Melbourne	34	12	–	46
South Melbourne	40	42	1	83
St. Kilda	54	20	–	74
	459	364	9	832

GOALS KICKED BY PRESENT-DAY PLAYERS

Player	Season 1953	Total with Club
Branton, R.	22	22
Poulter, R.	19	239
Davie, B.	15	15
O'Rourke, J.	14	134
Wright, R.	14	52
Wilson, W.	12	205
Cooke, A.	11	44
Dunin, F.	9	9
Hafey, T.	8	8
Spring, G.	8	44
Hogan, K.	7	10
Audas, P.	5	7
Cox, G.	5	10
Patterson, J.	4	4
Nix, J.	3	13
Rowe, H.	3	30
Cations, A.	2	7
Fisher, R.	2	2
Ryan, F.	2	2
Betson, K.	1	1
Brewer, L.	1	1
Ednie, R.	1	13
Hoare, G.	1	3
Ritchie, J.	1	2
Oppy, M.	–	29
Rowe, D.	–	22
Boland, B.	–	6
Collins, G.	–	6
Dillon, K.	–	4
Total	170	944

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCES

General Committee (19 Meetings held): H. J. Dyke 19, J. M. Fleming 19, W. A. Quinn 17, M. J. Bolger 18, R. H. Dunn 17, J. H. Jones (resigned 27/4/53) 5, P. J. Kennelly 15, J. M. Sheehan 15, F. E. O'Brien 18, L. J. Goring 18, P. C. Langdon (extended leave of absence granted account illness), C. E. Priestley 19, J. Titus 17, P. H. Rowe 18, W. G. Pitt (elected 9/2/53) 18, J. Dyer (resigned 16/2/53), H. Lingwood-Smith (proxy, elected 5/10/53) 4, Players' Representatives (12 Meetings): J. O'Rourke 9, R. Poulter 11, R. Wright 9, R.C.C. Representative L. Sinclair 17, Proxy Delegates N. Baragwanath 1 and W. Smith 1, 2nd 18 Representative J. Joyce 19.

Finance and Executive Meetings (9 Meetings held): F. E. O'Brien 9, M. J. Bolger 9, R. H. Dunn 8, H. J. Dyke 9, J. M. Fleming 9, W. A. Quinn 9, P. J. Kennelly (proxy) 1.

Selection Committee (20 Meetings held): H. J. Dyke 18, A. Pannam 20, C. Priestley 20, J. Titus 18, D. Rowe 19, M. Oppy (proxy) 2. Colin Austen, 2nd 18 Coach, and the 2nd 18 Selectors—Messrs. R. Brady, C. O'Brien and J. Phelan—also attended all meetings of the Selection Committee.

RESULT OF MATCHES, SEASON 1953

Date		Richmond versus	Result	Rich. Score G.	B.	Pts.	Oppon. Score G.	B.	Pts.
April	18	Melbourne	Won	11	7	73	9	13	67
May	2	Fitzroy	Lost	11	14	80	12	9	81
„	9	Carlton	Lost	15	8	98	16	8	104
„	16	St. Kilda	Lost	8	17	65	11	17	83
„	23	Geelong	Lost	6	16	52	15	16	106
„	30	Collingwood	Lost	5	9	39	9	8	62
June	6	Essendon	Lost	7	6	48	11	18	84
„	13	Footscray	Lost	8	11	59	9	14	68
„	20	Nth. Melbourne	Lost	5	12	42	6	9	45
„	27	Sth. Melbourne	Lost	6	14	50	12	7	79
July	4	Hawthorn	Won	12	10	82	7	6	48
„	11	Melbourne	Draw	11	9	75	11	9	75
„	25	Fitzroy	Lost	13	7	85	13	12	90
Aug.	1	Carlton	Lost	10	19	79	15	16	106
„	8	St. Kilda	Won	13	16	94	11	14	80
„	15	Geelong	Lost	4	9	33	14	18	102
„	22	Collingwood	Lost	12	9	81	13	17	95
„	29	Essendon	Lost	13	7	85	19	12	126
				170	200	1220	213	223	1501

Summary: Matches Played 18; Won 3, Drew 1, Lost 14.
Position on Premiership List: Tenth.

LIFE MEMBERS

The Club's Life Membership list is as follows:—

1905—McNair, A.
1915—James, J. H.
1916—Lohse, W. H.
1917—Maybury, P. H.
1919—Reeves, S. W.
1920—Hall, C. H.
1921—Aarons, A.
1922—Bettles, A. J.
1923—Hughes, F. V.
1924—Harley, F.
1926—Don, D.
Smith, J.
1927—Dyke, H.
Taylor, E.
1928—Hayes, D.
1929—Gosch, W. H.
1930—Higginbotham, W. J.
1931—Page, P.
1932—Baker, W.
1933—Cox, H.
1934—Bentley, P.
Geddes, A.
O'Halloran, T.
McCormack, B.
1935—O'Brien, F.
Titus, J.
1937—Murdoch, J.
1938—Hunter, M.
Sheahan, M. E.
1939—Bolger, M.
O'Neill, K.
1940—Dyer, J.
Martin, R.
1941—Callander, C.
Daws, A. H.
1942—Fleming, J. M.
Turner, C. E.
1943—Harris, R.
Symons, J.
1944—Langdon, P. C.
Smeaton, G.
1945—Jones, J. H.
1946—Davall, R.
Dunn, R. H.
1947—Kennelly, P. J.
Priestley, C.
1948—Joyce, J.
Quinn, W. A.
1949—Merrett, L.
Perkins, W.
1950—Goring, L. J.
Sheehan, J. M.
1951—Burge, F.
Morris, J. W.
Oppy, W. M.
1952—Sinclair, L.
Grogan, Dr. P. L.
1953—Booth, I.
Wilson, W.

PLAYERS IN PREMIERSHIP MATCHES

Player	First Played	Matches 1953	Total Matches Played
Audas, P.	1952	6	10
Betson, K.	1952	10	17
Boland, B.	1950	4	42
Branton, R.	1953	17	17
Brewer, L.	1953	3	3
Cations, A.	1952	15	28
Clarke, F.	1951	4	20
Collins, G.	1952	5	12
Cooke, A.	1949	17	60
Coppock, K.	1953	1	1
Cox, G.	1952	9	20
Davie, B.	1953	15	15
Dillon, K.	1949	18	62
Dunin, F.	1953	8	8
Ednie, R.	1950	2	22
Fisher, R.	1953	3	3
Geard, R.	1952	3	11
Gibb, R.	1952	1	5
Gleeson, K.	1953	1	1
Green, W.	1953	7	7
Hafey, T.	1953	12	12
Hall, R.	1953	1	1
Hoare, G.	1952	3	3
Hogan, K.	1952	5	13
Morcom, S.	1953	7	10
Nix, J.	1949	8	57
Oppy, M.	1942	18	167
O'Rourke, J.	1949	5	44
Patterson, J.	1953	13	13
Poulter, R.	1946	12	118
Ritchie, J.	1951	8	17
Rowe, D.	1946	18	107
Rowe, H.	1948	18	71
Ryan, F.	1951	17	27
Schofield, P.	1951	2	15
Slater, F.	1953	4	4
Spring, G.	1948	18	108
Vandersluys, S.	1953	3	3
Walsh, G.	1953	1	1
Wilson, W.	1944	15	167
Wright, R.	1946	17	108

Forty-one players, including 15 first-year players with the Club, participated in premiership matches during the 1953 season.

SUPPORTERS!!

ATTEND THE RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

SPORTS PARADE

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL, FRIDAY, 28th MAY, 1954

CLUB OFFICIALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE ADMISSION TO LEAGUE

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Captain	Highest Goal Kicker	For Gls.	For Bhds.		Against Gls.	Against Bhds.		Position
1908	G. H. Bennett, M.L.A.	A. Manzie	A. McNair	C. Pannam	W. Bourke (24)	128	172	-	178	207	-	Ninth
				R. Condon								
1909	F. G. Tudor, M.H.R.	"	"	J. Lawson	W. Bourke (20)	112	153	-	179	209	-	Eighth
1910	"	"	"	W. Schmidt	M. Maguire (20)	127	175	-	121	186	-	Seventh
1911	"	"	"	L. Incigneri	M. Maguire (29)	122	199	-	138	193	-	Eighth
1912	"	G. P. Beachcroft	J. Macdermott	E. Ohlsen	E. Keggin (24)	115	173	-	184	229	-	Ninth
1913	"	W. H. Lohse	J. H. Archer	H. James	P. Martyn (32)	143	176	-	150	190	-	Seventh
1914	"	"	"	W. Thomas	C. Hall (32)	143	226	-	143	219	-	Eighth
1915	"	"	"	"	C. Hall (25)	126	150	-	158	216	-	Sixth
1916	"	"	"	"	P. Martyn (22)	120	139	-	131	170	-	Fourth
1917	"	W. A. Maybury	"	P. H. Maybury	C. Fehring (14)	104	138	-	127	192	-	Sixth
1918	"	"	"	C. H. Hall	D. Don (19)	96	176	-	117	155	-	Sixth
1919	A. Wood	"	"	W. Thomas	D. Don (31)	172	251	-	148	210	-	Runners-up
1920	"	"	"	D. T. Minogue	G. Bayliss (63)	202	223	-	143	154	-	Premiers
1921	"	"	A. Aarons	"	G. Bayliss (53)	188	222	-	149	226	-	Premiers
1922	"	"	"	"	G. Bayliss (32)	146	163	-	154	204	-	Fifth
1923	"	"	"	"	D. Fraser (18)	121	180	-	156	202	-	Eighth
1924	J. H. Archer	Perc. Page	"	"	M. Morris (44)	172	259	-	169	222	-	Runners-up
1925	"	"	J. D. Langdon	"	M. Morris (25)	132	189	-	158	183	-	Seventh
1926	"	"	"	M. Morris	D. Lynch (31)	186	261	-	214	211	-	Seventh
1927	"	"	"	A. Geddes	J. Baggott (37)	218	270	-	164	219	-	Runners-up
1928	"	"	"	"	J. Baggott (61)	253	303	-	195	218	-	Runners-up
1929	"	"	"	C. Lilburne	J. Titus (54)	277	311	-	235	220	-	Runners-up
1930	"	"	"	A. Geddes	J. Titus (50)	214	257	-	175	207	-	Fourth
1931	"	"	"	M. Hunter	D. Strang (68)	247	292	-	174	243	-	Runners-up
1932	B. V. Herbert	J. J. Smith	"	P. Bentley	D. Strang (49)	242	290	-	174	244	-	Premiers
1933	"	"	"	"	D. Strang (51)	281	249	-	206	241	-	Runners-up
1934	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (80)	266	284	-	206	235	-	Premiers
1935	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (83)	253	245	-	215	247	-	Third
1936	H. L. Roberts	"	"	"	J. Titus (83)	239	239	-	225	200	-	Fifth
1937	"	"	G. B. Smith	"	J. Titus (65)	244	252	-	225	207	-	Fourth
1938	"	"	C. E. Turner	"	J. Titus (72)	253	229	-	219	249	-	Sixth
1939	B. V. Herbert	M. E. Sheahan	"	"	J. Titus (48)	245	316	-	220	221	-	Fourth
1940	H. J. Dyke	J. M. Fleming	"	"	J. Titus (100)	285	252	-	238	269	-	Runners-up
1941	"	"	"	J. Dyer	J. Titus (87)	255	265	-	227	242	-	Fourth
1942	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (67)	278	267	-	213	232	-	Runners-up
1943	"	"	"	"	R. Harris (63)	234	274	-	198	214	-	Premiers
1944	"	"	"	"	R. Harris (63)	305	285	-	236	256	-	Runners-up
1945	"	"	"	"	F. Burge(55)	254	278	-	249	248	-	Seventh
1946	"	"	"	"	A. Mooney (49)	275	271	-	234	255	-	Fifth
1947	"	"	J. J. Smith	"	J. Dyer (46)	254	276	-	238	257	-	Fourth
1948	"	"	"	"	J. Dyer (64)	275	245	-	208	261	-	Fifth
1949	"	"	& W. A. Quinn	"	R. Poulter (51)	246	257	-	207	241	-	Sixth
1950	"	"	W. A. Quinn	W. Morris	R. Poulter (56)	214	222	-	208	228	-	Sixth
1951	"	"	"	"	J. O'Rourke (58)	222	219	-	183	229	-	Sixth
1952	"	& H. Lingwood-Smith	"	D. Rowe	J. O'Rourke (43)	182	187	-	191	236	-	Ninth
1953	"	J. M. Fleming	"	"	R. Branton (22)	170	200	-	213	223	-	Tenth
					Totals	9336	10060	-	8593	10120		